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'Sets the standard'

Rep. Cole gives Diabetes Care Center top marks

From left, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Shondra McCage, program manager of the Diabetes Care Center, and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole during a tour of the diabetes facility in Ada.

Oklahoma Fourth District U.S. Rep. Tom Cole said the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center in Ada "sets the standard" for this type of facility.

Rep. Cole visited the center one week after Congress voted to renew the Special Diabetes Program for Indians as part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

"I've seen any number of these things, and this is probably the premier diabetes prevention, treatment and research center in Indian Country," Rep. Cole said.

Services at the Diabetes Care Center include prevention of diabetes as well as education

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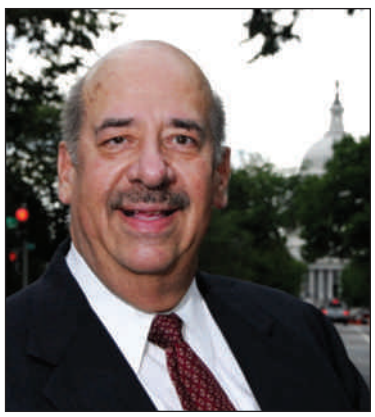
Ambassador Charles Blackwell dies Jan. 2 in Washington, D.C.



CHARLES BLACKWELL

WASHINGTON - Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States Charles W. Blackwell died Wednesday, January 2 in Washington, D.C. He was 70.

A memorial service was conducted Jan. 26 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington.

A memorial service in Oklahoma is pending.

Mr. Blackwell was born July 30, 1942 at Concho Indian Hospital in El Reno, Okla.

Governor Bill Anoatubby appointed Mr. Blackwell a delegate to the United States in 1990. He was named Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States during a 1995 ceremony in Washington.

Mr. Blackwell was the first American Indian tribal ambassador to the United States government.

Gov. Anoatubby said Mr. Blackwell was "a man of vision" who was well suited for his ambassadorial position.

"Charles Blackwell embodied all the best qualities of a

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Chickasaw T.W. Shannon sworn in as Speaker of Oklahoma House

T.W. SHANNON

T.W. Shannon was sworn in Jan. 8 as Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The Chickasaw citizen will serve as Speaker during the Legislature's 54th Session.

Chickasaw values, Mr. Shannon said, would guide his work as Speaker.

"The value of teamwork and working together for the common good - that is the Chickasaw way," the new Speaker said. "And I think that translates into good governing, good business and good citizenship. If being Chickasaw has taught me anything it is that working together, building coalitions - even with people with whom you may disagree - is a great asset.

Mr. Shannon said when he was first elected to the position, he went to visit with Governor Bill Anoatubby to learn the secret to his success as leader of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Governor Anoatubby has been a real mentor to me," Mr. Shannon said. "I think Governor Anoatubby is the quintessential statesman in Oklahoma. I think what he has done with the Nation can be a model for the rest of the world about

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First baby of 2013

Roff residents James and Krystal Gregory welcomed their daughter Kellan Grace Gregory at 8:04 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 1 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. Kellan was the first baby born in 2013 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. The Chickasaw girl weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.5 inches at birth.

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to help patients minimize the devastating complications associated with the disease. Those complications may include amputation, blindness, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke.

"I've seen, particularly in some of the other clinics, the damage to limbs, to feet, to eyes," Rep. Cole said. "You think about this person who is going to have to live with this indefinitely or forever and how their lifespan is going to be shortened. I mean look at a life without diabetes or in a controlled situation versus what it is otherwise. So that's the human savings that is just beyond calculation."

Prevention and control of diabetes, he said, makes great financial sense for tribal, state and federal governments.

"Something like one out of three dollars in the health care system is now going to treat diabetes-related conditions," he said. "So think about how much money we spend on health care as a federal government or state governments - it's extraordinary. So these are great investments from a federal standpoint.

"Chickasaws can be very proud because this is some of the money generated by their enterprises put to really good use to touch positively the lives of their citizens and others in the area."

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw and one of only two American Indians in Congress, also offered praise to members of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Interior, which appropriates funds for the Indian Health Service and many other tribal programs.

"It's really been a most wonderful partnership between Republicans and Democrats who fight like cats and dogs over EPA funding and a lot of other things, but we don't on Indian funding," he said.

He said the subcommittee chairman Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) had been to the facility and was thrilled to see the difference it made. Democrats Jim Moran of Virginia and Betty McCollum of Minnesota are also members of the subcommittee.

"We just have a really good group of people who care about Native American issues, are knowledgeable about them, and want to find ways to work together on them," Rep. Cole said. "So it's very different than most of the other things that go on in Congress right now."

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how you govern, how you bring people together, how you grow an economy.

"He is a servant leader. And his faith comes across not just in what he says, but in what he does and the way he treats his fellow man. I strive to emulate that."

Economic development is a priority for Mr. Shannon, a Republican from Lawton. Oklahoma, he said, was an example of how tribes and states can work together to improve the economy.

"I think Oklahoma has one of the greatest track records of working with sovereign Indian nations, as far as our compacts," the Speaker said. "Our gasoline compact has been a model for the nation.

"Our tribal governments are really part of our competitive advantage. I think we in Oklahoma have yet to realize the full capacity of what could be."

Education regarding tribal sovereignty, he said, was vital to realizing the state's full potential.

"It's a complicated issue to understand how state sovereignty and the sovereignty of our Indian tribes interact, but I think we are turning the corner," he said.

As incoming Speaker of the House, Mr. Shannon will set the legislative agenda. Each Speaker, traditionally, creates a focus or theme during his term. How he approaches majority and minority are important.

He also exercises great power over committees and determines which committee will consider each bill.

Working for fellow Chickasaw and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Mr. Shannon said, helped him formulate ideas on important issues, including the tribal-state relationship.

"Tom Cole has been one of my greatest mentors professionally, politically and just a life mentor," he said. "Tom is one of the greatest statesmen of our generation. I tell people I learned more in a year and a half of driving Tom around than I did in law school. He is a wealth of knowledge.

"I still call on him now. I ask advice of him. Tom is certainly one of the most capable leaders in the country."

Rep. Cole and Mr. Shannon each point out that the relationship between the state and tribes should not be seen as inherently adversarial.

"I think that's where I can hopefully be a resource, to help people understand that relationship does not, and should not, be adversarial.

"I think the Chickasaw Nation is a great example," he said. "The tribe doesn't need the state to be successful. And I think Oklahoma is a good example. It does not need the Chickasaw Nation to be successful.

"We can do it without the Chickasaw Nation and without our tribes, but I think we've discovered that we just do it better when we do it together. So I think that is the message - that when we can partnership or work together, we should."

He cites tourism as an example in which the tribes and the state may be able to benefit from stronger working relationships.

"Tourism is a great example, because not only are the tribes a great economic engine for us across the state as a whole, they are also part of our heritage – part of who we are as a state, and we need to find a way to market that interest," he said. "It will be a benefit to the tribes and to the state government. But it all starts first with respecting the sovereignty of both. And I think that mutual respect is growing."

Gov. Anoatubby said he expected the new Speaker to play an important role in furthering that understanding and respect.

"T.W. has the intelligence, experience and leadership skills to enhance the working relationship between the state and all tribes to the benefit of all Oklahomans," Gov. Anoatubby said. "His faith and commitment to the people of Oklahoma epitomize the highest ideals of servant leadership."

Mr. Shannon takes pride in his Chickasaw heritage and the role it played in his upbringing.

"We still have a yearly gathering on our allotted land in Milo, Oklahoma, north of Ardmore in Carter County," he said. "My family still owns the land.

"My grandmother (Mandy Lee Brown Shannon) was insistent that we knew about our heritage and we knew the importance of the Chickasaw Nation and what it meant to be Chickasaw. I am a sixth-generation Oklahoman, a sixth-generation Chickasaw, raising seventh-generation Chickasaws. Those values have always been a part of my upbringing and I'm trying to instill as much of that as I can in my own children."

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Inauguration history reflects America's pragmatic approach

With the January 21 inauguration of President Obama, our country has once again entered a time of "new beginning."

The word "inaugurate" is defined as "to bring about the beginning of." This is a simple definition, but one that has come to reflect the continual rebirth of the United States.

Americans are, by their nature, continually launching new beginnings. In their personal lives, community lives, work lives and spiritual lives, Americans are always seeking ways to refresh their approaches and come up with new and better ways of doing things and enjoying life.

We can view past presidential inaugurations as representations of this uniquely American "new start" way of thinking.

With the very first inauguration of George Washington in 1789, the new president expressed his fervent hope in the new country and the Almighty when he extemporaneously added, "so help me God" at the end of the oath of office. The new president no doubt understood the tremendous challenges that lay ahead for America, and knew he would need the Lord's help!

In 1812, James Madison was to be inaugurated on the steps of the new U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Making the best of a challenging situation, the president relocated the entire ceremony in case the British decided to sail up the Potomac and level artillery fire on the August gathering! The Americans were nothing if not pragmatic.

The words "financial crisis" are not new to our country. Our ninth president, William H. Harrison, came into office in 1841 on the heels of a tremendous depression sweeping the country. Speculative lending practices, collapsing land values and cotton prices had, beginning in 1837, wracked the country and driven unemployment to the 25% level. It had not helped

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

that Andrew Jackson, during his term, had vetoed the recharter of the Second Bank of the United States, which had served as the nation's central bank.

The country was financially rudderless and falling deeper into despair. The newly-elected Harrison delivered a very long and, no doubt, inspiring inaugural address in wet and cold weather. While the promises were solid, the new president's health was not. He contracted pneumonia and served only one month in office before dying. Despite this tragic event, and the Constitution's oversight in not establishing a succession plan in such a case, the republic marched on and returned to the pink of economic health by 1845.

It was written that in Washington on March 4, 1861, "the air was thick with rumors of rebel plots to assassinate the new president, or to capture him and carry him off before he could take hold of the reins of government." Abraham Lincoln showed up anyway and produced a stirring address directed at bringing the Union back together. Seven states had already seceded and established the Confederate States of America.

"We are not enemies, but friends," President Lincoln said. "Though passion may have strained it, it must not break our bonds of affection."

During his address, the new president could not find a spot to place his trademark stovepipe hat. An old Illinois adversary, Stephen A. Douglas, with whom Lincoln had battled in numerous political debates, was present on the dais. He held the hat for the new president. Douglas was heard to quietly speak encouraging words to Lincoln as he delivered his speech.

At his March 4, 1933 inauguration, during the depths of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt said, "…let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is…fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyses needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

As always, Americans began their new "starting over." Much would change in America during President Roosevelt's terms. The biggest constant throughout the period was the demonstrated resilience of the American people. By the time of the president's death in his fourth term, World War II was ending and the country was entering a time of tremendous prosperity.

We read a lot today about the troubles in Washington, the failed attempts at compromise, political shenanigans, bad behavior and so much more. It is good to keep in mind that Americans always overcome the challenges they face together. We are a nation of optimists and achievers. All we have to do is read our history.

As British prime minister Winston Churchill once said of Americans, "You can always count on them to do the right thing – after they have tried everything else!"

CHARLES BLACKWELL

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diplomat and statesman as the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He brought a tremendous level of wisdom, integrity, knowledge and passion to his duties as our emissary in Washington. As one who was fortunate enough to call Charles my friend, it is with great sadness that my condolences go out to his family and other close friends. This is a sad day for the entire Chickasaw Nation, as we have lost an irreplaceable friend and unrivaled advocate."

Gov. Anoatubby said his decision to appoint Mr. Blackwell a delegate and later as ambassador to the United States grew out of discussions the two had concerning the need for such a position.

"We agreed there was a need for the tribes to revive the tradition of diplomatic relations with other governments," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Appointment of an official ambassador helped reinforce the formal government-to-government relationship the Chickasaw Nation has had with the federal government. Over the years, Charles did a tremendous job of helping that relationship grow and improve."

Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn, also Chickasaw, in a statement, wrote:

"Today, Indian Country lost a distinguished leader whose eloquence and diplomacy in promoting self-determination for the Chickasaw Nation and all tribes was legendary. As the Chickasaw Nation's Ambassador to the United States, Charles Blackwell personified the nation-to-nation relationship, giving his people a voice at the highest levels of government.

"Ambassador Blackwell was an accomplished advocate for the Chickasaw people. His forceful personality, generous spirit and guidance on the workings of federal government will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Our prayers go out to his family, the Chickasaw Nation leadership, and the Chickasaw people."

In addition to serving as the official emissary of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Blackwell was a strong advocate for tribal economic development. He was founder of the First American Business Center in Washington, D.C.

In 2007, Mr. Blackwell was awarded the Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement by the National Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency.

Mr. Blackwell was also a strong advocate for Indian education.

After spending much of his childhood in Tishomingo, Okla., and other small towns in the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Blackwell earned his law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1972.

He worked as a staff attorney at the American Indian Law Center until 1974 and served as Associate Director of the Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians until 1977. During this time, he helped more than 700 American Indians and Alaskan Natives gain entrance into law schools across the U.S.

From 1974 to 1977, he also served as the Assistant Dean and an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Mr. Blackwell served on the Environmental Protection Agency Director's National Clean Air Action Advisory Committee. From 1995 to 1997, he served on the Western Governor's States Drought Coordination Council at the request of the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture and Interior. In 1997, he was appointed by President Clinton to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS where he served as the only American Indian until 2001.

Mr. Blackwell received his bachelor's degree in education in 1964 from East Central State College (now East Central University) in Ada, Okla., where he was the founding president of the Epsilon Omega chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served as editor of the campus newspaper, and, in 1964, was named East Central's "Student of the Year."

He returned to Ada in 2009 to speak about citizenship in the 21st century during a political science conference at the University.

"There are few people who have the unique understanding of citizenship that he has," program Chair Christine Pappas said at the time.

Mr. Blackwell wrote numerous columns and articles for *the Chickasaw Times.* In one of those, he wrote about the importance of vision.

"Vision is a combination of wisdom, strength, courage, and generosity. Vision provides insight into the past so that you may define your present; vision gives you inspiration on what you want to do with your future. Your vision can bring you happiness, motivation, and self-determination for doing the best with and for yourself, your family and your Chickasaw people."

A complete obituary can be found on page 22.

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Our tribal history offers great perspective on the future!

DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We have embarked on another year of progress at the Chickasaw Nation!

Now is a great time to reflect on what has been accomplished, and what good things lie ahead for our tribe and our people.

The Chickasaw Nation has become the acknowledged leader in Indian Country on so many fronts. That is quite an accomplishment in itself, as there are 563 federally-recognized tribes!

We are seen as leaders in sovereign relations, commerce, citizen programs and services, education, health care and preserving our culture. Other tribes look to us to form their own models of doing things.

It's hard to believe now that not so long ago, our tribe was almost completely dependent on money from the federal government. And those dollars were in short supply! We did our very best in those days to provide the basic essentials to Chickasaws, but we knew we would have to grow to truly fulfill our mission to our people.

It was only about 20 years ago that the Chickasaw Nation attained "a new level." We hit our stride by having the willingness to try new things we believed would help Chickasaws. We knew commerce was the path to providing the full scope of options to Chickasaw people.

After study, and more than a little hard work, we "hit" on business models that worked very well. We now have a business backbone that is really humming!

Those developments have, most importantly, led to a tremendous list of programs and services for Chickasaws. Education, health care, housing, family, transportation and so much more are now available to help all Chickasaws!

Sometimes, it's good to look back and see where you have been. It can give you a great perspective on where you are going! And you and I are going far - together!

Chi ihollo li! (I love you!)

Dean McManus

Pontotoc District, seat 4

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,923	Pontotoc	12,759
Pickens	7,994	Tishomingo	5,591
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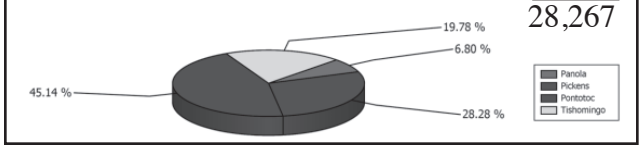

'Wild Mustangs' take top spot at Amarillo WRCA

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

By now you are probably hitting your stride and have settled nicely into 2013. Katie Case and I did a road trip out to the western parts of the Chickasaw Nation and visited the Duncan Senior Center. It was Indian Taco Sale Day. Those seniors are on their toes, serving anywhere from 400-600 hungry lunch customers. The kitchen was all a buzz with Taco prep. Kudos to that action packed Center. They keep things hoppin'! Stay tuned; we could be coming to a taco sale near you!

Recently, Kassie Beshirs of Matador, Texas contacted me about the accomplishments of her son, Kyler, and some of his compadres. Three time World Champions of the Pokey the Clown Jr. Ranch Rodeo, "The Wild Mustangs" were crowned at the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, Texas. The winning team was comprised of Kyler Beshirs, Brogan Rankin, and Ryder Gass, all of Matador, Texas and Gunnar Bateman of Spur, Texas. The winning team received Championship Buckles, Resistol Hats, and Twisted X Boots.

The purpose of the Pokey Jr. Ranch Rodeo is to teach skills used on a working ranch and accomplishing goals through teamwork, but always specializing in having fun. A team of four members is divided into age groups and competes in Doctoring, Branding, Cow Milking and the Pony Express in which they ride stick horses.

"The Wild Mustangs" qualified for the finals by winning their division at the Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo in Roaring Springs Texas.

Sponsors for the" The Wild Mustangs" were Joe's Boot Shop of Clovis, N.M., and Cowboy Honor of Crowell, Texas.

Kyler Beshirs is the eight-year-old son of Mickey and Kassi Beshirs and proud big brother of Rylynn Beshirs of Matador. He is the grandson of Clabourne Beshirs and Judy Kelso, of Ralls, Texas and Phillip and Brenda Estep, of Ralls.. He is the great-grandson of O C Beshirs and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord…Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Psalms 127:3-4

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Pictured below are "The Wild Mustangs". From left, Kyler Beshirs, Ryder Gass, Brogan Rankin, of Matador and Gunnar Bateman of Spur.

Cancer support group an idea whose time has come

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for all the prayers, positive thoughts and encouraging words for Shawna and our family. The inclusion of Shawna on so many church prayer lists has been very comforting.

Shawna is doing well. She worked through 16 weeks of chemotherapy, followed by a mastectomy at the end of December. She is now preparing for six weeks of radiation.

She was fortunate in that she did not contract an infection during her chemotherapy schedule. An infection would have delayed the chemo infusions and extended the duration of the treatment time.

The mastectomy was scheduled for an hour, but only took 40 minutes. We were leaving the surgery center taking Shawna home in less that four hours of arriving there. Shawna felt good enough to attend the final night of the Mid-American basketball tournament the very next night. It was incredible.

She is one tough Chickasaw woman! Thank you, each and every one of you, again for all the support.

Since Shawna was diagnosed in July of last year, we have experienced and observed much. One of the operations that affected me most was the clear need for a cancer support group.

From doctors and nurses, we have learned that many cancer patients, understandably, just mentally and emotionally shutdown upon receiving the diagnosis. The healthcare professionals also say that if they newly diagnosed cancer patients are not talking with family and friends about their situation, they are usually not seeking further medical treatment. If they do seek further medical treatment, they need the support of family and friends just to navigate the medical system, in addition to handling the responsibilities and challenges of day-to-day life. To get the needed support, they need to be talking with family and friends.

The good news is that, locally there is interest in creating a cancer support group. If you are a cancer patient, cancer survivor, have been or are a caregiver to a cancer patient or just feel lead to help, I would like to hear from you.

Published literature from the University of Oklahoma's Stephenson Cancer Center in Oklahoma City states that one in two Oklahoma men and one in three Oklahoma women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes.

Because we as Chickasaws share a common ancestry, we tend to look to each other for support. Working together, talking to each other, and helping each other are ways to change these numbers for the better.

Remember, if you want to be part of a cancer support group, I would like to hear from you.

People First,

Katie

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New health clinic marks Tish District milestone

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

This month marks the highly-anticipated opening of the new Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic, located at 815 E. 6th Street in Tishomingo.

Join us at the ribbon cutting ceremony, scheduled for 11 a.m., Feb. 11.

The new 53,000-square-foot Tishomingo Health Clinic is more than four times larger than the existing clinic, which was built more than 40 years ago.

The new facility will allow for expanded services, patient size and quality of care for our citizens.

New features include:

· The addition of a new physician

· 12 dental chairs

· A new drive through pharmacy

· Expanded services including bone density, mammography imaging and hearing exams

· A full-time behaviorist

· Services provided by Oklahoma Optical

· The addition of 40 new employees

The Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic currently serves about 17,000 outpatient visits per year, and this new state-of-the-art facility is something we can all by proud of.

The opening of the clinic marks yet another milestone of progress in the Tishomingo District and in the Chickasaw Nation.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Tim Colbert
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At-Large citizens - Health questions call-in

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Division of Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Jobs of the future? Find them in STEM disciplines

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma, Hello Everyone,

As parents and grandparents, the futures of our children are important to us. During these economic times, with our national debt exceeding $16 trillion, sometimes their futures don't look very bright. Therefore, we must do everything in our power to provide them with tools to meet an ever-changing world.

One thing we can do is educate ourselves so we can guide them to make good choices. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, STEM fields are expected to add 2.7 million new jobs by 2018 and projected to grow by 17 %, compared to 9.8% growth for non-STEM occupations.

What is STEM and why is it important? STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The importance of STEM education and a STEM qualified workforce is vital to U.S. economic growth.

In 2010, there were 7.6 million STEM workers in the United States, representing about 1 in 18 workers. However, STEM occupations are projected to grow by 17% by 2018. STEM workers are also expected to earn 26% more than their non-STEM counterparts. STEM learning is an economic imperative.

With the United States in recession and unemployment experiencing historical rates, U.S. businesses still have an abundance of vacancies in STEM related jobs due to the lack of supply and availability of qualified STEM workers. Experts say that almost all of the 30 fastest growing occupations in the next decade will require at least some background in the STEM fields. Yet as many statistics show, our country is falling behind in the STEM fields.

In 2009, just 34% of 8th graders in the U.S. were rated proficient or higher in a national math assessment, and more than 1 in 4 scored below the basic level. In an international exam given to 15 year-olds in 2009, U.S. high school students ranked significantly behind 12 industrialized nations in science and 17 in math.

Students in only 4 industrialized nations scored lower in math. Only 45% of U.S. high school graduates in 2011 were ready for college work in math and 30% were ready in science.

With many of our public schools getting failing grades, it is even more critical that parents and grandparents be the first teachers to their children and grandchildren. We must take time to talk to our children, teach them about their heritage, and take advantage of all resources available to give them an edge.

Next month, I'll discuss what parents can do to improve their children's STEM education and what the Chickasaw Nation is doing to help. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

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Chickasaw woman back home after years overseas

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Several Chickasaws welcomed the new year at the McSwain Theater here in Ada with our homespun version of "Hee Haw" put on by our own Jae L. Stilwell and the house band. Black-eyed peas, cornbread and lots of desserts were brought in by the attendees. A full house at the McSwain welcomed in the new year.

January was busy with several community council meetings. Most of the Legislators also attended the presidential inauguration in Washington.

This month I wish to honor a distinguished Chickasaw elder who has enjoyed her share of fame throughout her life. Douglas ("Dougie") Johnston Harbach was born February 18, 1914, in Emet, Okla., at the Chickasaw White House and is the granddaughter of former Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston. She spent many summers at the Chickasaw White House and is the citizen who donated the Chickasaw White House to the Chickasaw Nation.

Dougie was home-schooled by her grandmother and later studied at Masters Modeling and Acting in New York. She married William Harbach, director of movies and in television. Dougie was under contract with Universal Studio and traveled a lot, especially to Paris, France. Wherever she traveled, she was always proud of her Chickasaw heritage. Dougie moved to Tangiers, Morocco in 1971 where her sister-in-law was living. She enjoyed 41 years of her life there before deciding to return to Oklahoma and her Chickasaw people. Some of her books from Morocco attributed her good looks to her grandfather Governor Johnston.

Dougie loves animals and had several pets in Morocco. She found good homes for each one when she returned to the States. She currently resides at the Sterling House in Ada and is looking forward to return visits to the her childhood home, the Chickasaw White House. She is a true Chickasaw treasure and I am proud to know her.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

New health initiatives offer important women's services

We've started 2013 with a bang! The number of flu cases is at an extremely high level across the country. Flu shots are available at all clinics and through the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Emergency Department through April. If you haven't received a shot, I strongly encourage you to do so. Some helpful tips to try to stay healthy during this cold and flu season include:

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1. Wash your hands.
2. Get more sleep.
3. Use a saline spray for your nose.
4. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
5. Exercise
6. Stay home if you are sick.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has several new initiatives. The Baby Friendly initiative is now under way to improve breastfeeding rates for newborns and to unify the approach to breastfeeding as the best method for feeding babies. A Lactation Consultant and Education Specialist has been hired to work with the Women's Care/OB unit and staff. This position will work with physicians, midwives, nurses and WIC to have a unified approach to breastfeeding promotion and success.

Another new program is the Sexual Assault Nurse Exam (SANE) program. The SANE nurse is specifically trained in forensic examination of any person age 15 or older. If a victim of sexual assault goes to the emergency department, one of our five SANE nurses can perform this exam. This is a wonderful program and is another program that will benefit our citizens. A chaplain and an advocate will help support the patient through their entire process.

Our continued expansion and commitment to providing state-of-the-art health clinics for our citizens will come to fruition in Tishomingo this month. The clinic is near completion and will open soon.

I pray you and your families stay healthy during this winter season.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ~3 John 1:2

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First baby of 2013 born Jan. 1 at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

ADA, Okla. - Kellan Grace Gregory, daughter of James and Krystal Gregory, is the first baby of 2013. Kellan was born at 8:04 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 1 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. The Chickasaw girl weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.5 inches at birth.

The baby girl was not due until Jan. 8.

"I had a New Year surprise," said Mrs. Gregory.

Kellan joins proud big brothers, Oliver, 4, and Brighton 9, who are both very excited to have a new baby sister in the family. The Gregorys are from Roff, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Gayle Copelin.

Paternal grandparents are Joe and Patsy Crouch.

The couple received an infant car seat and a gift basket from the Medical Center to mark the occasion.

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AT&T Wireless special discount

The Chickasaw Nation has partnered with AT&T Wireless to offer a special discount to Chickasaw citizens and employees.

Discounts include a 17 percent savings on monthly services and activation credit for new customers. Current or new Chickasaw AT&T customers with proof of tribal citizenship are able to sign up. Chickasaw Nation employees also qualify for this benefit. If you have already activated this discount, there is no need to take additional action.

For more information, you may download the AT&T flyer at www.Chickasaw.net/ATT or contact the Chickasaw Nation Public Affairs Office at (580) 310-6451.

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Landscaping seminar Feb. 28

The Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28 at the green room of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Chickasaw homeowners or those purchasing homes are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution. Topics covered include how to care for and tend vegetation. Seminars are scheduled the fourth Monday of every month in 2013.

Participants must provide copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership. That proof may include property tax statements, mortgage payment receipts, home owner's insurance policy or a letter from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

For more information, call (580) 559-0888.

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'Connections' February on KCNP

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:

"Natural Medicine"– February 6

We'll interview a local health professional about the benefits of natural medicine and wellness treatments.

"Multiple Sclerosis"– February 13

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic disease that attacks the central nervous system. Today, new treatments and advances in research are giving new hope to people with MS. We'll have a representative from the Oklahoma MS Society as our guest to talk about the disease.

"Tax Preparation"– February 20

It is tax time once again. Are you filing yours the right way? We'll have a tax professional in the studio to answer all of your tax-related questions and concerns.

"Live at the Agriplex Health Career Job Fair"– February 27

Interested in a career in the health care field? We'll be broadcasting live at Ada's Agriplex during the Health Career Job Fair.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

This month on CNTV

Speaker of the House

Chickasaw Nation citizen T.W. Shannon was recently sworn in as Oklahoma House Speaker. Learn more about Speaker Shannon this month on CNTV.

Bedre' Fine Chocolates

Valentine Day is coming up. Many folks expect to receive a box of chocolate from their sweetheart. Chickasaw-owned Bedre' Fine Chocolate offers a complete line of high quality chocolate. CNTV visits the Bedre' factory to find out more about this delicious treat.

Zumba!

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin music and easy-to-follow dance moves. This popular workout has been filling classes at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers. Watch CNTV and see what Zumba is all about.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

‘Tobachi’ released this summer

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy composers’ music produced on new CD

Chickasaw student composer Katie Barrick works with Thunderbird records producer Alan Bise as the Linden Quartet records her songs “Caffeine Smile” and “Not for the Faint of Heart” at Oklahoma City University Jan. 3-5. The works of 13 Chickasaw composers will be released on “Tobachi” CD this spring.

More than a dozen Chickasaw Arts Academy student composers served as co-producers during the recording of the students’ music Jan. 2-4 at Oklahoma City University.

The finished project, a CD entitled “Tobachi” (To Create) will be released this summer by Thunderbird Records.

“Tobachi” is the follow-up project to “Oshtali,” a groundbreaking album featuring works by American Indian student composers.

University of Oklahoma student Dylan Bennett participated in both projects.

Now 20, Mr. Bennett was more relaxed as he engaged in the recording process for the second time.

“It’s different, just coming back and knowing what to expect,” he said. “It is more exciting. Last time I was a little nervous and a little scared, because I didn’t know exactly what we would be doing.”

Mr. Bennett says he appreciated the uniqueness of this project.

“This is very rare as a student, to have opportunity to work with a professional quartet and have a professional recording. It is what every student hopes for at such a young age.”

He said the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy opened many new doors and new possibilities for him.

“Before the Summer Arts Academy, I didn’t know this world existed,” he said. “I played voila in my high school orchestra and that was music for me.

“Now, I’ve been opened up to this whole musical world with people who actually appreciate the music they create and who appreciate the music other people create. It is a fun thing to be involved in.”

Mr. Bennett recently completed his first semester at OU as a composition major. He hopes to transfer to Oklahoma City University to focus on film scoring.

Wyatt Coe, 16, attended the Arts Academy three summers ago when he created three short pieces which were recorded last month.

Wyatt traveled from his home in upstate New York to Oklahoma City with the sole mission of participating in the recording project.

“It was a surprise to get to participate in this project,” he said.

During the sessions, all 13 students spent hours working with Thunderbird Records producer Alan Bise. The group participated in all aspects of the album recording from start to finish.

Mr. Bise said most students were initially timid about the recording process, but quickly got to the task at hand.

“I think they are a little shocked a first, but they quickly settle into the process and they are not afraid to speak their mind,” he said during a break in the recording session.

Mr. Bise described the quality of the student’s work as “fantastic” and the project was a “win-win” for all involved.

“It’s fantastic to have this opportunity, especially for students, to do this in Oklahoma by the Chickasaw Nation,” he said. “It is a special opportunity for the students and for us.”

The Linden String Quartet performed the student composers’ music. The group’s members include Sarah McElravy and Catherine Cosbey, violins, Eric Wong, viola, and Felix Umansky, cello.

The Linden String Quartet has enjoyed remarkable success, winning gold medals and grand prizes at several national chamber music competitions and playing around the world. The quartet is currently the Graduate String-Quartet-in-Residence at Yale University, where the ensemble is mentored by the Tokyo String Quartet.

Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate led the composition group at the Arts Academy.

Students participating in the “Tobachi” and the compositions include:

Katie Barrick: “Caffeine Smile” and “Not for the Faint of Heart”

Dylan Bennett: “Frozen” and “Triangular Doorknobs of San Francisco”

De’Jean Clement: “Lullaby”

Wyatt Coe: “Marching”, “Oblivious” and “Warlordz Waltz”

Ryan May: “For String Quartet” and “Qwoplets”

Maren Gillet: “Merody”

Me Way Seh Greenwood: “Strength and Honor”

Aubrey Halford: “Finally Beautiful”

Mikayla Hollis: “The Fiddler’s Revenge” and “Heavy Rhapsody”

Tori Murray: “Music Box”, “Day is too Short”, “Midnight Mewzik”

Amanda Shackleford: “The End of the Beginning”

Savannah Smith:” Identity Crisis”

Alene Tharp: “Le Long du Littoral”

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Enter by Feb. 15 to provide ‘Tobachi’ CD cover artwork sought

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is accepting entries for the “Tobachi” CD cover art project. “Tobachi” is a Chickasaw word meaning “to create.”

Entries will be accepted through Feb. 15.

Chickasaw artists, ages 13 through 18, are encouraged to submit up to two pieces of artwork. The art may be in pastel, paint, pencil, pen and ink, computer-generated graphic design or photography. Entries should be between 10x10 and 24 x 24 inches in size and may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board.

The winning artwork will be used on the “Tobachi” CD cover, a CD of original music composed by Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students, and all related artwork and promotional materials.

The selected winner will also receive a $500 cash award.

Entries can be delivered to the Arts and Humanities office at 201 N. Broadway in Ada or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

Artists must provide proof of Chickasaw citizenship.

For more information, contact Gwen Postoak at (580) 272-5520 or email gwen.postoak@chickasaw.net.

‘Anoli’ Creative Writing contest open to student writers in grades six through 12

Entries are being accepted for the 2013 Chickasaw Nation “Anoli” Creative Writing contest until Feb. 28. “Anoli” is a Chickasaw word meaning “to tell.”

Chickasaw student writers in grades six through 12 and young adults through age 24 are encouraged to enter up to three written works in one or more categories – poetry, short story and essay.

The topic for this year’s creative writing contest is “Chickasaw People: the Spirit of a Nation.”

Entries should reflect on what defines the spirit of the Chickasaw people, and what creates and sustains the spirit of a nation.

Winners receive cash prizes and medals.

All works submitted must be original and will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on artistic form, creativity, how well the work relates to the topic and literary expression within each age division.

Division I includes grades six – eight, division II includes grades nine – 12 and the third division includes young adults through age 24 regardless of education level or enrollment.

The contest is free and open to enrolled citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Proof of Chickasaw citizenship is required.

Entries can be delivered to the division’s office at 201 N. Broadway in Ada, Okla. or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

To learn more or to obtain an entry form, please contact Jennifer Watson in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net.

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Program counters abuse, pollution

Lighthorse Police gathering unwanted medications

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police displays some of the more than 1,400 pounds of medications collected.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department is collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at various locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The Prescription Take-Back Program combats public and environmental health issues caused by improper disposal of medicines.

Individuals are encouraged to dispose of their unwanted medications and pharmaceuticals at secure, prescription take-back drop off boxes. These boxes, which are in easily accessible locations, are monitored by the Lighthorse Police.

The medications are collected, documented and taken to a location in Tulsa where they are properly disposed of to prevent misuse and environmental contamination.

"We track the collections by weight," Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department spokesman Tammy Hughes said. "As of October we had collected more than 1,460 pounds. We currently contract with a company that incinerates collected medications."

Medicines stored in home cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

The non-medical use and abuse of the prescription drugs is a serious public health problem. The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services found that more than 20 percent of Oklahoma high school seniors report using prescription and over-the-counter medications without medical supervision.

Most who abuse prescriptions do not have a prescription from a doctor. Nationally, more than 75 percent of people who misuse medicinal drugs receive them from friends and family. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics reports that 83 percent of drug overdose deaths are attributed to pharmaceutical drugs, while only 17 percent are caused by "street drugs."

"Oklahoma is among the leading states for prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse," Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Clinician Deanna Carpitche said. "It is the fastest and most common form of drug abuse because it's available in virtually every home."

The Coalition Against Insurance Fraud estimates that health care costs related to medication abuse is more than $72 billion annually and continues to rise. Most of the cost is attributed to emergency room visits, extended drug treatment and other associated health problems attributed to prolonged drug use.

Americans are advised that flushing medicines down the toilet or throwing them in the trash is harmful to the environment and poses health hazards.

A recent Associated Press study concluded pharmaceutical residues have been detected in the water supplies of 24 major metropolitan areas serving 41 million people. Detected drugs included antibiotics, hormones, anticonvulsants and mood stabilizing compounds. Wastewater treatment rarely removes pharmaceuticals from affected water.

Improperly disposed medicines have negative effects on the environment. Hormones disrupt breeding cycles of fish and other aquatic wildlife. Some drugs are not biodegradable and are stored in animals to continue up the food chain, which causes harm to larger animals. Bacteria become resistant to antibiotics when consistently exposed to them.

For more information concerning the Prescription Take-Back Program, contact Tammy Hughes with the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-1166.

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Chickasaw Nation Prescription Take-Back Program locations

Within the 13-county boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, the drop-off locations include:

Bryan County

Chickasaw Nation Achille Senior Center at 104 W Main, Achille, Okla.

Bryan County Clinic Pharmacy at 1524 W. Chuckwa, Durant, Okla.

Carter County

Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Center at 949 Locust NW, Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic at 2510 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore.

Garvin County

Chickasaw Nation Pauls Valley Senior Center at 109 N. Indian Meridian Road, Pauls Valley, Okla.

Pauls Valley Police Department at 215 North Walnut Street, Pauls Valley.

Garvin County Court House at 201 West Grant, Pauls Valley.

Johnston County

Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior Center at 6700 N. Hwy. 377, Connerville, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic Pharmacy at 815 E. 6th Street, Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Senior Center at 1199 W. Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo.

Marshall County

Chickasaw Nation Madill Senior Center at Corner of Hwy 70 and 5th Street, Oakland, Okla.

Madill Police Department at 201 East Overton Street, Madill, Okla.

McClain County

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department North Office at US highway 62 and SE 32nd St., Newcastle, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Purcell Health Clinic at 1438 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Purcell Senior Center at 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., Purcell.

Murray County

Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Senior Center at 401 E. Oklahoma, Sulphur, Okla.

Pontotoc County

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department Headquarters at 1130 W. Main, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Center at 1005 Chamber Loop, Ada.

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Pharmacy at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., Ada.

Chickasaw Nation ReUse center at 2205 North Broadway, Ada.

Allen Police Department at 109 N Memphis St., Allen, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Kullihoma Senior Center (12 miles east of Ada on Hwy. 1, then 5 miles south on Kullihoma Road).

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'Basic acting for the stage' classes begin Feb. 12; open to children, teens and adults

Classes in basic acting for the stage will begin Tuesday, February 12. The classes will be from 6 - 8 p.m. at the McSwain Theater, 130 West Main, Ada, and will meet each Tuesday evening for six weeks.

Registration deadline is February 8. The classes are open to children, teens and adults and are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

"We are pleased to offer acting for the stage classes and plan to offer intermediate and advanced classes for those who wish to continue, as well as classes on head shots and resumes, film acting, and creative writing," Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick said. "Our goal is to offer classes in all arts – visual, theatre, film, music, and writing. The classes will be fun and interesting. We encourage anyone who has interest in acting for the stage to participate."

Week one lessons will introduce students to acting areas, terminology, and projecting voice. Weeks two and three will cover improvisation, building character and auditioning techniques.

Weeks four and five will cover monologues and scene work. A scene will be assigned for memorization and will be rehearsed.

During week six, students will perform the scene for family and friends. Materials will be appropriate for all ages. Certificates will be awarded.

The class is limited to 10 students, age eight and up, to allow one-on-one instruction. Should there be a waiting list, other class times may be offered. Fees for non-Chickasaws are $10 per session for a total of $60.

Class instructor is Debra Collins Bailey. Ms. Bailey holds a Master's Degree in performing arts and has taught acting in a college setting, for talent agencies in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, as well as privately.

For more information, and to register, contact Bailey at debra.bailey@chickasaw.net or at (580) 272-5520.

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Valentine activities Feb. 9 at Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. – Saturday, February 9 offers the unique opportunity to celebrate your valentine at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

A day filled with creating valentine cards, a cookie workshop and a heart-warming family movie are just a few activities planned to celebrate the day.

Children age 12 and under will enjoy a free Valentine Day card workshop and Valentine Cookie workshop, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe will demonstrate a Stomp Dance at 11 a.m., and Chickasaw Homelands presentations will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater.

A "Then and Now" presentation, featuring bows and arrows, will be at 2:30 p.m., and the classic movie "Lady and the Tramp" will be screened at 3 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater.

A Corn Husk Dolls class is set for 3 p.m. and "Sweetheart Sales" will be offered all day in the Cultural Center retail shops.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7103 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur.

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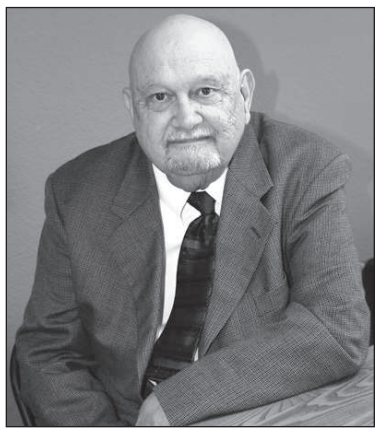
Chickasaw Cultural Center lecture series Feb. 4, 6, 9



Dr. John Dyson

The Chickasaw Cultural Center presents a lecture series focused on Chickasaw history, language and culture.

Lectures will be presented by Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resource Specialists Brad Lieb and LaDonna Brown at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Anoli' Theatre on the cultural center campus. The topic will be "Chickasaw Homelands Prior to Removal."

The event is free and open to the public.

The lecture series began in January with a presentation on ancient Chickasaw village names by Dr. John Dyson.

Dr. Dyson is a noted Chickasaw linguist and has worked with the Chickasaw Language department for several years. Dr. Dyson's current studies include the study of Chickasaw language and how it has changed through time. He has also spent much of his academic career teaching Spanish and Portuguese.

Dr. John Dyson received his Ph. D. from the University of Kansas and taught at Indiana University in Bloomington for nearly 40 years.

Additional lectures scheduled for 1 p.m. on March 13 and 16; April 17 and 20; and May 15 and 18.

The lecture series are designed to inform and appreciate Chickasaws and their culture, spanning from their language to their original homelands and the Mississippi culture before the forced removal to Indian Territory.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at 580-622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

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Chickasaw Young Artists Studio

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities introduces the Chickasaw Young Artists Studio. The studio is designed to help the growth of aspiring and emerging Chickasaw artists in grades seven to 12 by providing supervised studio time.

Through the studio, students will book one of the 10 sessions allotted per week on either Tuesday or Thursday. During the sessions the young artist will work on artwork with an assigned art instructor, build a portfolio and work on art for contest submissions. Students will be required to bring their own supplies.

For more information or an application, please contact Cara Criswell, administrative assistant for the Arts in Education Department, at (580) 272-5520.

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Native Explorers expedition

Applications are now being accepted for the May 13-24 Native Explorers expedition.

Native Explorers is an innovative, hands-on, professional mentor-led education program that trains and educates young Chickasaws in a variety of sciences.

Worth three college credit hours, the upcoming Native Explorers expedition will introduce students to the techniques and tools necessary to conduct field work in vertebrate paleontology.

Applicants must be at least 18 and reside in the Ada or Ardmore area. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and be an enrolled citizen of a federally-recognized tribe.

Students may apply online at www.nativeexplorers.org. Application deadline is March 1.

For more information, visit the website or call (580) 421-7711.

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George Edward Powell – Life of a Chickasaw Warrior

George Edward Powell

Editor's Note: Mr. Powell was the subject of a 2012 Chickasaw Times article. He died in December at the age of 95.

George Edward Powell, a Chickasaw born May 23, 1917, lived a life marked by the values of a warrior.

He learned the value of hard work at an early age. He proved that he valued honor and loyalty when he gave up his share of the family business to serve in World War II.

In 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor, Mr. Powell was virtually assured that he would not be called to serve in World War II since he was working at the family dairy. Men involved in food production were not called to military service.

Although he had been promised a share of the business for his years of work, he gave up his claim to the dairy business to avoid conflict in the family. Shortly thereafter, he was called to serve in the Army.

He served honorably as a military policeman at a detention facility in Italy, refusing to become involved in mistreatment of prisoners.

As a child in Oklahoma, he picked cotton, fished and hunted rabbits to help put food on the family table after his father could no longer find work in the coal mines near Coalgate.

Losing the job at the coal mines also meant losing the family home. Home became a place to camp close to the cotton fields and strawberry fields where the family worked, or the woods where his father cut wood to provide for the family.

In 1925, at the age of eight, George Powell picked cotton to help the family make ends meet. He more than pulled his own weight as an 80-pound boy, picking 100 pounds of cotton a day.

When cotton season was over in Oklahoma, he hunted rabbits for dinner while his father was cutting wood for one dollar a rick.

"Wood was everywhere in Oklahoma back then," Mr. Powell said during an interview at his home in 2010. "Through the winter we stayed there and (his father) could make enough money cutting wood to buy some potatoes and beans. So we ate plenty of potatoes and beans and cotton-tailed rabbits.

"We would just go out and find a hole or a root in the ground or whatever, we would take a stick and run down there in it and if we got a rabbit, we'd pull it out and kill it."

He saw his father pawn his suit of clothes and shotgun to buy groceries when funds ran low.

When his family decided to make the trip to California in search of a better life in 1933, young George made much of the journey on foot.

The family left Oklahoma in January with $35 and all their earthly possessions loaded onto a car and trailer. It took seven days to make the trip to Phoenix. By May, they had accumulated enough money to continue their journey. It took another seven days to make the trip from Phoenix to Lodi, California.

Driving through the mountains, George helped push the family car when it wouldn't pull the loaded trailer.

With one dollar and an empty gas tank, his father went to the First Christian Church to try and find a job.

After finding work at a dairy, the family moved into a house with no electricity or running water, for which they paid three dollars a month rent.

"We lived there then until we got to working and doing better and were able to get a better house and move out," Mr. Powell said. "From that time on, we went to raising calves and getting ready. In '37 we went into the dairy business."

By that time other displaced Oklahomans were coming to the Powell family for work.

"They would get out there and work all day just for a place to put their feet under the table and place to sleep at night, and that was generally in the haystack or in the barn," Mr. Powell said. "We didn't have room in the house for them. We were supposed to be rich Okies. We raised our meat. Mother had the chickens. We raised our pigs and butchered them out. We had our milk. So we were doing real good."

Following his U.S. Army service, George Powell lived the rest of his life in California. He died Dec. 26, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Violet; children Alice Wright, Charelene Patrick, Edith Waklee and George Powell; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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December 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Madison Adams

Madison Adams

Madison Adams, daughter of Angela Gore and J.J. Adams, of Ada, Okla., is a December 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Madison is in the third grade at Latta School and was nominated by teacher Bobbie Priest.

"She is very kind hearted and a pleasure to have in my classroom," Ms. Priest said. "She does very well in all her subjects, but likes to read the most."

Madison enjoys drawing, coloring, reading, shopping and playing softball.

"I want to succeed in my school studies and sports when I get older," Madison said. "I also want to graduate high school and college because I want to become an optometrist. I want to be able to help people see better."

Easton Going

Easton Going

Easton Going, son of Tyson and Synona Going, of Ada, Okla., is a December 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Easton is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Easton always volunteers and takes part in assignments given to him," said Ms. Delfrate. "He is a fine young man and deserves recognition for his hard work."

An active participant in a number of school activities, Easton is a member of the Byng Native Voices Club, and would like to be a singer.

"At school, I am part of the Native Voices Club where we go places and sing to others in tribal languages," Easton said.

Easton has three brothers and enjoys singing, playing games and playing outside.

Dylan Walker

Dylan Walker, son of Darrell and Johnna Walker, of Ada, Okla., is a December 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Dylan is in the eighth grade at Latta School and was nominated by teacher Davida Smith.

Dylan Walker

"He is such a joy to have in the classroom. He is such a courteous young man, who always puts forth his best effort in the classroom," Ms. Smith said. "He has such a wonderful attitude and gets along well with his peers."

Thirteen-year-old Dylan has two sisters and enjoys playing basketball and listening to music.

"My future plans are attending college and getting a master's degree in math," Dylan said.

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26 young ladies hit the diamond

Chickasaw girls gain specialized instruction at Winter Softball Camp

Former Texas A&M All- American Erin Workman, center, reviews students' fielding techniques on a tablet computer with coaches Waleed Gaines, right, and Keeli Kessenger during Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic Dec. 20-21. Mike McKee

Coach Ken Heupel, director of Day of Champions, gives a few pointers on fielding during Chickasaw Nation Winter Softball Camp, Dec. 20-21 at Game Time Sports Academy in Oklahoma City. Mike McKee

OKLAHOMA CITY - Twenty-six dedicated young Chickasaw ladies dedicated two days of their Christmas breaks improving their softball skills and learning lessons of respect, hard work and discipline at the annual Chickasaw Nation Winter Softball Camp. The camp was Dec. 19-20 at Game Time indoor baseball facility in Oklahoma City

The camp was led by 19 coaches and collegiate players associated with the Day of Champions organization.

Hard work, dedication, and goal setting were emphasized during the camp.

The students worked on strength and conditioning drills as well as hitting, catching and fielding, and other fundamentals.

Ken Heupel, director of Day of Champions, said the camp focused on the four principles of leadership: discipline, respect, trust and hard work.

"A lot of these players will not go on to college sports, but we teach the success principals they can apply to everyday life," Mr. Heupel said.

Lessons on goal setting and having the skills and drive necessary to reach those goals were also provided.

"We help these students understand that they can realize their dreams," Mr. Heupel said. "If you work hard and surround yourself with good people, you can achieve anything."

Coaches gave the players several useful tips and techniques to improve their games.

Alyssa Colungo, of Ada, Okla., said she was excited to participate in the softball clinic.

"I love softball a lot and softball is by far my favorite sport and I learn things at this camp that helps me get better," 11-year-old Alyssa said.

The camp, she said, helped her work harder and gave her encouragement to keep playing hard.

"It reminds me it's important to always finish and never give up."

Ten-year-old Alicia Baker, of Purcell, Okla., returned to attend the clinic for the second time this year.

"I like practicing softball and I like the coaches," Alicia said. "It is hard work, but it is fun."

Chickasaw KeKe Factor, 10, of Ada, came to the clinic for the first time this year to improve her game. She plays softball during the summer in the Ada area.

Olivia Johnston, an 11-year-old Chickasaw from Edmond, Okla., said she attended camp for the second time because, "I want to learn more about softball and all the coaches are really nice."

Anna Boyd, of Tushka, Okla., wanted to improve her hitting at softball clinic this year.

"My hitting hasn't been great lately and I thought this would be a good opportunity to work on it," Anna said.

Along with Coach Heupel, several current and former collegiate coaches and players assisted with the camp, including former Texas A&M player Erin Workman, former OU player Jadyn Smith, among others.

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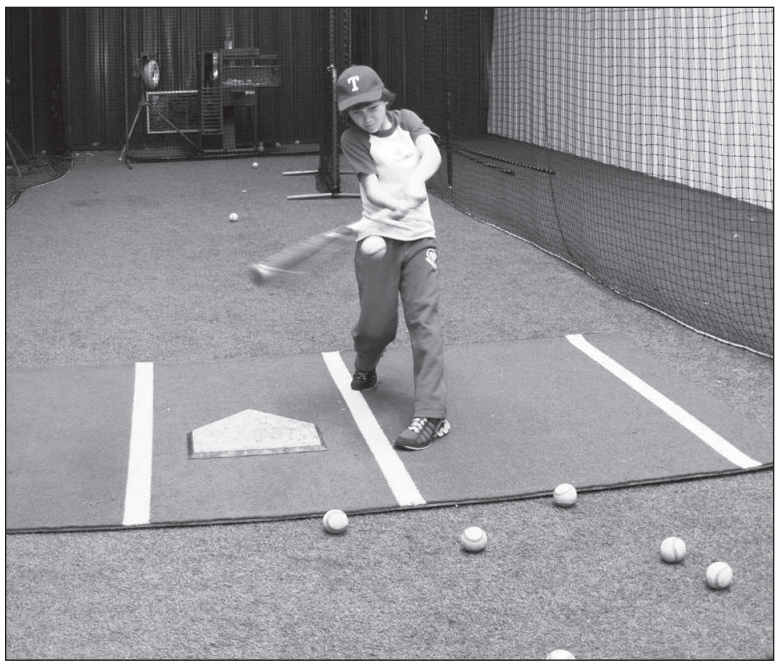
Making the pitch

Jayden Smith, women's softball coach at the University Science and Arts Oklahoma, helps Alicia Baker with her pitching motion during Chickasaw Nation Winter Softball Clinic, Dec. 19-20 at Game Time Sports Academy in Oklahoma City. Marcy Gray

Chickasaw 'boys of summer' get in work at Winter Baseball Clinic



Asher Hartman, 11, works to improve his swing at Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic. Asher, from Leon. Okla., is thankful to be Chickasaw and for the opportunity to attend sports clinics such as the baseball clinic.
Marcy Gray

OKLAHOMA CITY - Asher Hartman, an 11-year-old Chickasaw from Leon, Okla., attends Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic each year because he loves the sport. He also loves the instruction he receives from the professional coaches during the two-day clinic.

"I love sports and I love how the coaches help you and teach you," Asher said. "I have learned a lot over the years and I am thankful for the opportunity."

Asher also loves that he is a Chickasaw citizen and appreciates getting opportunities to attend sports camps.

"My family is Chickasaw and I am glad it is in my blood. I just get so many opportunities to do well and advance to the next level."

Asher was joined by 46 fellow Chickasaw athletes at the Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic, Dec. 27-28 at Game Time Sports Academy in Oklahoma City.

The young baseball players learned tips of the game from 13 coaches from several area high schools and colleges, plus several professional baseball players.

Oklahoma City University veteran baseball coach Denney Crabaugh said the clinic focused on the fundamentals of baseball.

"We are trying to teach skills they will need to be successful at baseball," he said. "When they develop the skills they develop the confidence and confident players are happy players."

Mr. Crabaugh, a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, said coaching Chickasaw players was rewarding.

"This clinic is very special. It is not competitive. There is no scoreboard and no stadium. It is just the players working to developing their own skills."

Besides baseball fundamentals, life skills such as goal setting, dedication, hard work and self-discipline were stressed by the 13 coaches.

Conner Kuykendall, of Bethel, Okla., attended for the clinic to improve his game.

"(This clinic) teaches me a lot of stuff and I get better," he said.

Conner plays shortstop, pitcher and outfield and cheers for the Texas Rangers.

Jace Ryan, 13, returned to the baseball clinic for the fifth time. A second baseman for the Wynnewood Savages seventh-grade team, he came to the clinic this year to "to learn."

The Chickasaw ballplayer focused on hitting this year so he could take part in his favorite thing about baseball - "hitting home runs."

Both players said they appreciated learning new tips from the coaches.

Coaches from several area high schools and colleges and former professional baseball players joined Crabaugh at the baseball clinic.

The coach-to-camper ratio gave each player more personal attention and practice.

Coaches at baseball camp included Ead Simon, Keanon Simon, Shane Coker, Micha Noland, Danny Baldridge, Cody Crabaugh, Chance Linville, Chuckie Caufield, Chad Carman, Cody Cooper, Greg Neuman and Brandon Kitch.

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Twin brothers Cade and Cord Keeling, if Ada, Okla., at the annual Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic, Dec. 27-28 at Game Time Sports Academy in Oklahoma City.

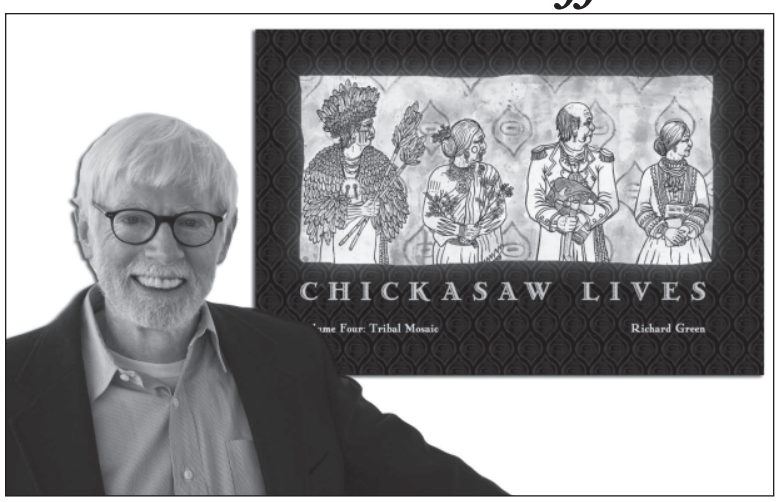
Austin Lambert, of Coalgate, Okla., works on his swing during Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Clinic.

Stratford, Okla., resident Zachary Weaver, 11, practices bunting at Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic.

Oklahoma City University Baseball Coach Denney Crabaugh helps Julis Adkinson with his catching technique at Chickasaw Nation Baseball Clinic as coach Chad Carman assists. Julis, who lives in Tennessee, is the grandson of Regina Anderson.

Chickasaw Press author

Historian Green offers variety of works through Chickasaw Press



Tribal historian Richard Green has authored five works in the Chickasaw Press catalog.

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Richard Green, the author with the most books published by the Chickasaw Press, has served as tribal historian of the Chickasaw Nation since 1994. He also was founding editor of "The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture."

Readers know Mr. Green best for his "Chickasaw Lives" series, which reveals the colorful spectrum of Chickasaw history and culture. His fourth in the series, "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Four: Tribal Mosaic," released in October 2012, was the culmination of his project to research and write the stories of Chickasaw history and the tribe's people. Mr. Green presented 26 essays in six categories and a wide range of topics, from 18th- and 19th-century sketches to books and treasures to cultural revivals.

Of his previous work in the series, Neal McCaleb, Chickasaw elder and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Interior – Indian Affairs, said, "Richard Green's search for authentic Chickasaw history in the lives, accounts, and relics of our tribal legacy is informative in its scope and entertaining in its candor. His scholarly devotion to accuracy and authenticity do not dim his readability."

Mr. Green is also working with the Chickasaw Press on future projects about Chickasaw life and history.

Mr. Green's titles to date, with years of publication, are "Te Ata: Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure" (2006); "Chickasaw Lives, Volume One: Explorations in Tribal History" (2007); "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories" (2009); "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Three: Sketches of Past and Present" (2010); "Chickasaw Lives Volume Four: Tribal Mosaic" (2012).

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New Children's Choir members welcome

The Chickasaw Children's Choir is accepting new members.

Students ages six through 14 who want to learn vocal music and performance are welcome.

The choir consists of children from Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Sulphur, Tishomingo and surrounding area.

Choir enrollment is open to all students, Native and non-Native, who are interesting in developing their talents in the vocal arts and choir performance. The choir is led by Phillip Berryhill.

Students learn music theory, voice and pitch. The choir performs original music along with contemporary songs translated into the Chickasaw language.

Rehearsals are conducted regularly in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur. Other locations may be scheduled as students are added.

Since its beginnings in 2002, the Chickasaw Children's Choir has performed at milestone celebrations including the "Ground blessing" of the American Indian Cultural Center in Oklahoma City; Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry's Children's Inauguration and numerous times at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The choir also performs at a variety of tribal events, including the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival and Youth Arts Celebration.

For more information about the Chickasaw Children's Choir, contact Mr. Berryhill, Cara Criswell or Laura Stewart at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Tribal business transfers of $37m support programs, services

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $12.7 million for the month and 38.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $8.4 million for the month and $25.7 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through December totaled $276.3 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $58.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $21.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2012, the tribal government funds had $201.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $136.2 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of December 31, 2012, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.501 billion compared to $1.473 billion at September 30, 2012 or an increase of $28 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	1,326,182	276,268,540	277,594,722
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	37,340,399	(37,340,399)	-
Total funds available	38,666,581	238,928,141	277,594,722
Expenditures			
General government	3,327,870		3,327,870
Legislature	668,939		668,939
Judiciary	275,704		275,704
Education	3,145,488		3,145,488
Heritage Preservation	4,245,084		4,245,084
Health	5,041,490		5,041,490
Youth and Family Services	2,536,293		2,536,293
Nutrition Programs	1,375,468		1,375,468
Regulatory	2,075,069		2,075,069
Assistance Programs	2,984,590		2,984,590
Gaming expense		152,494,396	152,494,396
Other businesses' expense		65,265,779	65,265,779
Total expenditures	25,675,994	217,760,175	243,436,169
Increase in net assets	12,990,587	21,167,966	34,158,553
Beginning net assets	657,361,002	810,471,469	1,467,832,471
Ending net assets	670,351,589	831,639,436	1,501,991,025

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	201,213,134	136,178,489	337,391,623
Receivables	34,127,165	70,422,584	104,549,749
Inventory	195,908	7,407,822	7,603,730
Prepaid expenses		16,750,985	16,750,985
Other Assets		1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets	437,307,611	762,749,864	1,200,057,475
Less payables	(2,492,229)	(163,072,809)	(165,565,038)
Net Assets	670,351,589	831,639,436	1,501,991,025

Centers for Disease Control urging flu shots

Influenza virus occurring at high levels across country

Taking measures to prevent the spread of the flu virus takes on added urgency when you understand that those with the virus can infect others a full day before they develop symptoms.

While Oklahoma is currently among 24 states classified as having high levels of flu-like illnesses, it is not too late to get the vaccine.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), getting vaccinated is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease, and vaccination efforts should continue as long as influenza viruses are circulating.

The vaccine is available for those who are eligible for care through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla., and at each of the four satellite clinics, located in Ardmore, Durant, Purcell and Tishomingo. The flu vaccine is also available at many other area locations, including Sovereign Medical Center in Ada, and at most pharmacies.

Chickasaw Nation health officials say that high levels of flu-like illnesses have been accompanied by an increase in people coming in for a flu shot over the last couple of months.

Health officials encourage everyone ages six months and older to get a flu vaccine each year. Getting a flu shot is the most important step in protecting yourself against the virus.

The vaccine also helps defend against unknowingly spreading the flu to co-workers, family members and others who may be at high risk for flu-related complications.

Certain age groups, such as children and adults 65 years of age and older, are commonly known to be at high risk for developing flu-related complications, but others should be aware as well. Pregnant women and Native Americans seem to be at a high risk also, according to the CDC.

The most common signs and symptoms of the flu are all or some combination of the following: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue.

The flu virus is considered unpredictable in severity and can vary widely from one season to the next or from person to person. Complications from the flu are also unpredictable but can include pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of already established medical conditions.

The virus spreads easily from person to person through sneezing, coughing, sharing drinks and sometimes by touch. Those who have contracted the flu are encouraged to keep a safe distance from others by staying home from work, school and other activities.

According to the CDC, most healthy adults have the ability to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after becoming sick. People with weakened immune systems and children may be able to infect others for a longer period of time.

How to slow the spread of germs

There are many simple steps a person can take to help stop or slow the spread of the flu virus, including:

· Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throwing the tissue in the trash after you use it.

· Washing your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

· Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

· Trying to avoid close contact with sick people.

· If you are sick with flu-like illness, the OKC-County Health Department and the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

· While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

For more information on getting a flu shot, call the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at (800) 851-9136, Sovereign Clinic in Ada at (580) 421-8700 or any of the Chickasaw satellite health centers.

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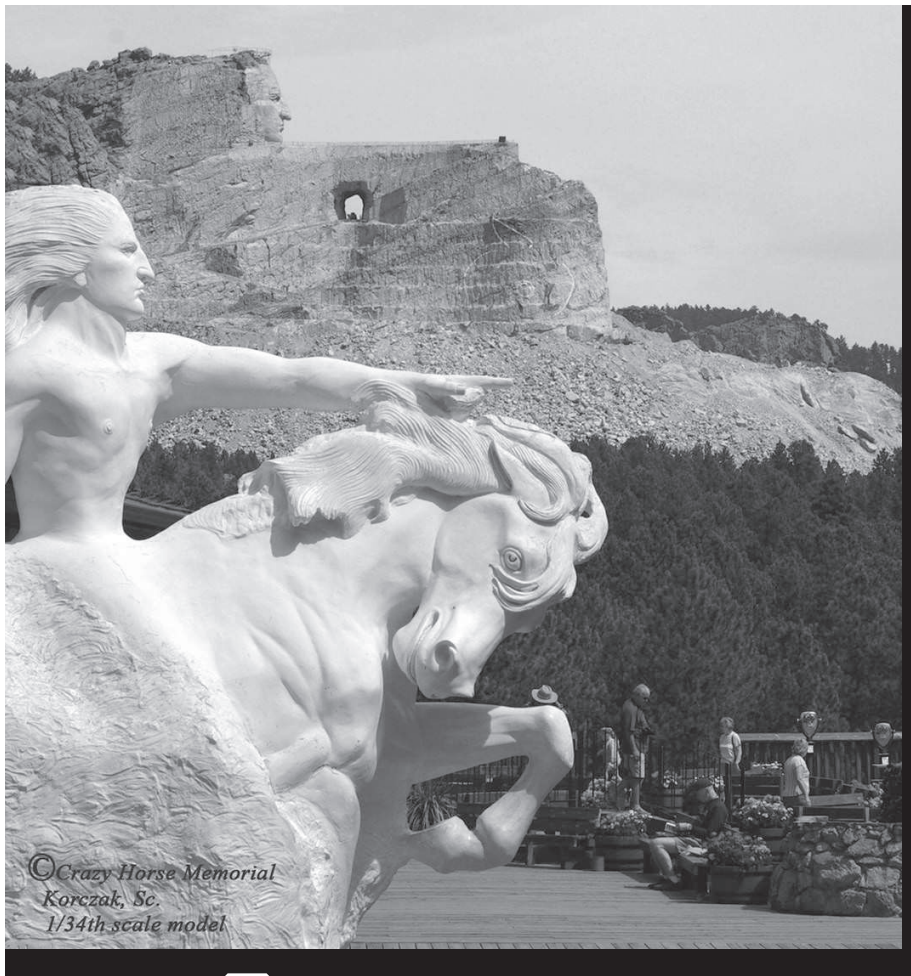

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U.S. lacks Indian, minority doctors

Chickasaw physician encourages Indian women to consider medical careers

Mahate Parker

A state-of-the-art medical facility, clinics, pharmacies, wellness centers and nutrition training are just some of the ways the Chickasaw Nation is addressing the health care needs of its citizens. But these opportunities also provide inspiration for Native Americans to pursue education in medicine and related fields.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) recently reported that one of the most pressing health care challenges facing the nation is the critical need for more minority physicians. In the next 15 years, the U.S. is projected to confront an overall shortage of physicians. The need is, and will continue to be, particularly great for minority physicians.

Today, African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans combined make up 25 percent of the U.S. population. However, only six percent of practicing doctors come from these groups. With opportunities in scholarship programs, internships, mentorships, and education, the Chickasaw Nation is actively working to increase diversity in the physician population.

For one Chickasaw doctor, returning to serve Native Americans is a calling important for her and for the Native community.

Mahate Parker, a graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, is currently completing her residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Tulsa. Once her residency concludes in July 2014, she plans to "come back to Ada" and begin her practice as an OB/GYN physician at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"When I see patients in the clinic here (Tulsa) who are Native American, I feel I can relate to them more," Parker said. "The fact that I am Chickasaw I think makes for a better physician-patient relationship and really helps them because they feel more comfortable."

Physician statistics from 2004 show Indians made up only 0.3 percent of the U.S. physician total. That information, Dr. Parker said, inspired her to encourage other Indian students to pursue medicine.

"When I see a young person who shows some interest in being a doctor one day, I encourage him or her to get their feet wet by taking part in summer programs or shadowing someone in the field," she said. "When we encourage them to pursue an education in medicine and then know that they are supported by the tribe through scholarships or other opportunities, I think we can turn those numbers around."

The AAMC reports that 12 percent of students graduating from U.S. medical schools are African American, Hispanic or Native American, and only 15 percent of medical school applications are from these groups.

The Chickasaw Foundation has several scholarship programs available for students interested in a variety of fields related to medicine and the sciences. Among them are:

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship – includes students interested in biology.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship – pre-approved health care-related major.

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship – nutrition science or other science.

Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship – nursing and BSN or MSN degrees.

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha' Scholarship – students enrolled in pharmacy school.

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship – pre-approved health care-related field.

Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship – dentists, dental hygiene, nursing, nurse practitioner, medical doctor, lab technologist, pharmacist, behavioral health, biomedical engineer; and technical training for EMS, LPN or other related fields.

Division on Aging Scholarship – geriatrics.

The Chickasaw Nation also offers various programs for youth interested in sciences, such as the science technology and math program.

Dr. Parker said she received the U.S. Indian Health Service Scholarship to initially go to college (for more information on this scholarship, visit http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/). The scholarship is for students interested in biology or chemistry with intent to be pre-med majors. When she decided go to medical school, Dr. Parker received the scholarship again, which requires that she complete a "four-year payback" at a Native American facility. Parker said she knew then she wanted her "payback" time to be spent at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"My mom is a nurse, my grandfather was a hospital administrator and my uncle is an emergency room physician, so I was always around medicine," she said. "At an early age I had decided what I wanted to do."

As a female Indian physician, Dr. Parker has realized she is a role model for girls.

"There have been a couple of instances where girls will see me and voice an interest in medicine," she said. "I always encourage them and let them know that if they are willing to work hard, they can become a doctor one day."

For Dr. Parker today, delivering healthy babies is her top priority.

"It is very fulfilling to see someone who may have severe pain or other problems through a safe pregnancy," she said. "When I work with high risk patients, I see them for a long time so it is really rewarding when you see them deliver a healthy child."

For now, Dr. Parker said she was looking forward to finishing her last year of residency, and then coming to Ada.

"I am very excited about the facility in Ada," she said of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. "I know there are excellent physicians there who will allow me to continue to learn, and will give me the time and opportunity to repay everything the scholarship program and the tribe have done for me."

Dr. Parker said she knew she was doing exactly what she was supposed to be doing in life.

"I want to provide good care for Chickasaws and other Native Americans," she said.

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Tribe, Park Service to host public meeting regarding Chickasaw Village

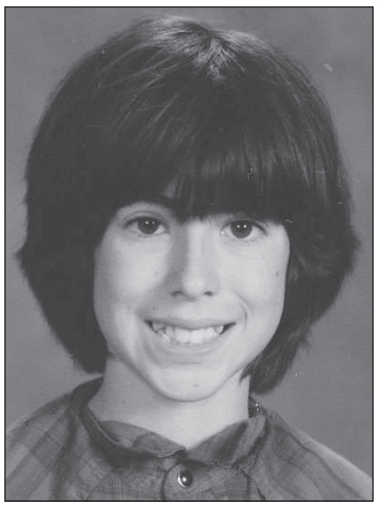
The National Park Service and the Chickasaw Nation will host a public scoping and public meeting on February 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada.

The meeting will discuss the proposal to establish a museum and cultural center at the Chickasaw Village site along the Natchez Trace Parkway near Tupelo, Miss. Information will include preliminary alternatives, site characteristics, impact topics and project purpose and need. The proposed museum and cultural center will enhance the visitors' services, visitors' information and visitors' understanding of the Natchez Trace Parkway and the Chickasaw culture.

Additional information is available in a newsletter that has been posted to the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment site at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/natr_ea_newsletter. Comments may be submitted through this same website, or by mail to the Superintendent at 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38804.

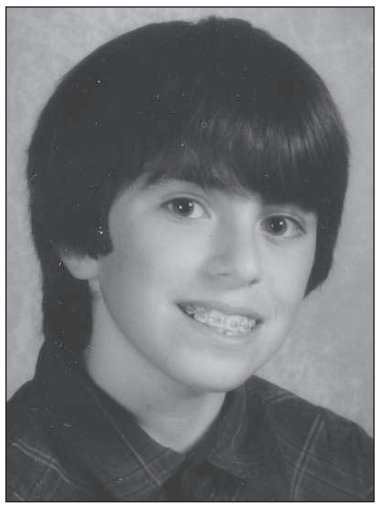
Copies of the newsletter are available upon request by contacting the Natchez Trace Parkway at (662) 680-4005.

BIRTHDAYS



Jeremy Menendez

Jeremy Menendez will celebrate his 11th birthday February 5. Jeremy Menendez will celebrate his 13th birthday January 21. The brothers are the sons of George and Kelly Menendez, of Torrance, Calif.



Jesse Menendez

Happy birthday you two! We love you so much! Jesse and Jeremy are the grandsons of the late Derle 'Whitey' Lee Cole and the great-grandsons of the late Pearlie Cole nee Carlton an original enrollee.

Jacob Mathew Webb

Jacob Mathew Webb celebrated his ninth birthday Dec. 31, 2012. He is the son of Jeremy Webb, of Ardmore, Okla., and Charity and David Moore, of Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is the big brother of Jackson Tyler Webb, of Ardmore, and Madison and Lila Moore, of North Carolina.

His maternal grandfather is Marvin Gage, of Tishomingo, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Susan and David Ledford, of Brown, Okla., and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo.

Jacob is a direct descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee Henry Fillmore.

Camden Baken

Camden Baken will turn five years old January 24.

His proud parents are LaRue Baken and Christopher Wright. His Mimi is Paula Factor.

Camden loves playing baseball and will celebrate with all his family and friends at Lazer Zone.

We love you Camden! Happy Birthday!

BIRTHS

Israel Sylvan Matheron

The Walton and Matheron family welcome the new addition of, Israel Sylvan Matheron, to their family.

Israel was born Sept. 18, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs., 1.8 oz and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

He is the son of Courtney and Jacob Matheron, of Ada, Okla.

He is the grandson of Ernie Matheron, Cynthia Walton-Vann and Chris Vann, all of Ada, and Corona Finley. He is the great-grandson of Ervin H. Walton, Matha Hawkins and Jane Sanders, all of Ada and the late Joseph "J.C." Hawkins and the great-great-grandson of the late Martha Stick.

Israel's aunts and ucles are Thalia Walton and Jeff McDonald, of Ada, Darla Walton and Ron Ahhaitty, of Shawnee, Sara Matheron, of Norman, Okla., Larry Grigsby, Marsha Grigsby, Mark and Billie Vann, Eddie "George" and Zack Rabbit, all of Stillwell, Okla., and Alana, Caitlyn and Luke Kerr, Jr., all of Oklahoma City. Israel joins a long line of cousins.

Israel is the fourth generation of his Chickasaw family and we all welcome him to the family with much love.

Jackson Tyler Webb

Jeremy Webb and Jessica Rushing are the proud parents of Jackson Tyler Webb. He was born October 10, 2012 at 9:05 a.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla.

He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

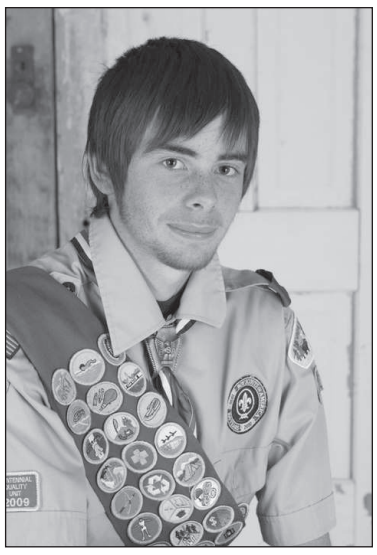
Jackson has a brother, Jacob Webb, of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

His paternal grandparents are Susan and David Ledford, of Brown, Okla., and Anthony Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Branum, of Madill, Okla., and David Rushing, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Jackson is a direct descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee Henry Fillmore.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Colton Joe Johnson

Colton Joe Johnson awarded Eagle

A Chickasaw student from Nevada has recently earned his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout.

Colton Joe Johnson was awarded his Eagle during ceremonies Dec. 29, 2012.

He is a senior at Fernley (NV) High School where he has played four years of varsity soccer and was this year named to the all-conference team. He is also a distance runner for the Fernley High track team.

Colton enjoys camping, rock climbing and running and hope to run for the University of Oregon.

His two older brothers, Mitchell and Quintin, and a cousin, Daniel Farris, are also Eagle Scouts.

Colton is the son of Randy and JoAnne Johnson, of Fernley. His grandparents are Joe and DeAnna Farris.

Colton is the great-grandson of original enrollee Allie Lee Colbert.

Caleb Holland

Caleb Holland key for state champion squad

A Chickasaw high school football player has earned individual honors for his play on an Oklahoma state championship team.

Caleb Holland is a senior at Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla. He was a starting lineman for the Carl Albert Titans, who won the Oklahoma state 5A football championship in December.

Caleb was named to the 5A Oklahoma All-State Football Team. He was also named to the Daily Oklahoman All-City first team; the All-Vype high school sports magazine first team; and MAX prep lineman of the year.

Caleb was part of the 2012 Carl Albert team that overcame a terrible start to eventually become state champions. The Titans began the season 1-5 and appeared to be out of the playoff picture. However, the team would go on to win its next eight games. The Titans defeated then-undefeated Tulsa East Central in the 5A championship game, 24-8.

Caleb plans to play college football and is being recruited by several schools. He carries a high school grade point average of 3.0+.

Caleb is the son of Jeffrey and Christie Holland. He has one brother, Kenzie.

His grandparents are Chickasaw elder David and Betty Holland, and Gary and Billie Bozarth, all of Midwest City.

Caleb traces his Chickasaw ancestry to his great-great-uncle William Byrd (1844-1915), a former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Annah Baykal

Chickasaw swimmer sets new record

A Chickasaw swimmer has recently set a new breaststroke record at Edmond (OK) Memorial High School.

Annah Baykal swam the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:58. A senior at Edmond Memorial High School, Annah broke the 21-year record at her high school. She broke the record during the Edmond City Championships at Oklahoma Christian University.

During her sophomore year, she won two individual titles in the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter individual medley. She has been a member of the All-City First Swim Team for three years and was named Edmond Memorial's "Female Swimmer of the Year" in 2012.

Annah is a National Merit Semi-Finalist and was recently named a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist.

These honors were earned from years of dedication to her studies in the International Bachelorette Program at Classen (OK) High School. She is currently in the Advance Placement classes at Edmond Memorial High School.

She is listed in the top one percent of her class and is on track to become a valedictorian with honors when she graduates.

Annah is the daughter of Turk and Jana Baykal and the sister to Lucas, all of Edmond.

She is the granddaughter of Laveta Dryden, of Oklahoma City, and the great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee E.L. (Ethem) Durant who was one-half Chickasaw and registered as a newborn on the Dawes Roll.

Chickasaw student selected for doctoral assistantship at USM

Prebble Ramswell

A Chickasaw graduate student has recently been selected for a doctoral assistantship.

Prebble Quinn Ramswell is in her second year of doctoral studies at the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Ramswell is working toward a Ph.D in International Development.

Mrs. Ramswell earned a master's degree from Texas Christian University and bachelor's degrees in psychology, sociology and political science from the University of Houston. Her major at USM is political/security studies with a minor in socio-cultural studies.

She has recently published her first academic article, "Ayali: Is It Time to Say Goodbye to American Indian Languages?" The article reflected Mrs. Ramswell's research on the extinction of Indian languages and was published in Indigenous Policy Journal.

Mrs. Ramswell lives in Destin, Fla., where works in ocean rescue for the Destin Fire Department and is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary.

She and her husband, Anthony, have one daughter, Briar.

Her parents are the late Joe McLaughlin and Al-Rue McLaughlin.

Attention Chickasaw Veterans

The Chickasaw Nation would like to send our Chickasaw veterans a Chickasaw Nation hat pin as a small token of appreciation for your service in the U.S. military.

The pin has been created to replicate the Chickasaw Nation Morale Patch that is distributed to Chickasaw servicemen and women on active duty. It can be displayed proudly as a symbol of your loyalty and dedication to the protection of this country and the Chickasaw people.

Veterans, please call (580) 310-6451 or email Chickasaw.Veterans@chickasaw.net to request your pin today!

Tribal Legislator Mary Jo Green named BPW 'Woman of the Year'

Mary Jo Green

Mary Jo Green, a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator representing Pontotoc District, was recently named Ada Business and Professional Women 2012 "Woman of the Year."

Mrs. Green has been a BPW member since 1967. She received the honor from the local BPW chapter during a luncheon celebration at Oak Hills Golf and Country Club in Ada.

The award was presented to Mrs. Green by 2011 "Woman of the Year" Cheryl Yott.

Bob and Mary Lou Nichols

Nichols' to celebrate 68th wedding anniversary

Bob and Mary Lou Nichols, of Pauls Valley, Okla., will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary Feb. 6, 2013.

The couple met while both were serving in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Nichols is a descendant of original Chickasaw enrollee, Sarah Lottie Stewart Nichols.

We love you Daddy and Mother!

Sandy, Barbara and Cindy

Dolphin Sharks are hoops champs

Dolphin Sharks team members, top row from left, Sania Richardson, Treston Brown, Jakobi Worcester. Bottom row from left, Peyton "Beans" West, Makaviya "Buddhis" Nelson, KiKi Tsosie. All the athletes pictured are Chickasaw. Not pictured: Kiera Rollins, Aubrey Lewis.

Congratulations to the six-and-under kindergarten and first grade girls' basketball team, Dolphin Sharks.

The Dolphin Sharks went undefeated and captured the championship title at the Patriot Ford/Ada Boys & Girls Club basketball tournament held at East Central University in Ada, Okla., on Saturday, January 12.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
npm@gvtc.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
sandyntx@sbcglobal.net

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

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To promote student development for Chickasaw students attending institutions of higher education.

History
In 2008, the Chickasaw Nation established the Chickasaw Learning Community (CLC) at the University of Oklahoma. In the fall of 2011, the program expanded to East Central University (ECUCLC). The CLC's purpose is to connect Chickasaw students to their heritage, culture and aid in retention. This is accomplished through cultural, social, academic and career development events.

Key Components for Chickasaw Students
- Chokka' Kilimpi' serves as a catalyst to encourage students to explore a career in the helping fields. If students choose another career option, they will see the benefits of working with Chickasaw citizens and giving back to the Chickasaw community.
- The CLC works to help Chickasaw students find fulfilling academic majors and support them as they continue finding a successful career path.

If you have any questions about the CLC, please contact Karen Fish at 405.767.8948 or karen.fish@chickasaw.net.

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Tribe offers programs that help

‘Stalking’ an issue that requires vigilance, proper response

According to a U.S. Department of Justice research report, 17 percent of Native American women will be stalked in their lifetimes. That figure is twice the national average for other U.S. ethnic groups.

“Stalking is a serious problem faced by both men and women,” Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Clinician Deanna Carpitche said. “Native Americans are more likely than any other race to have issues with stalking.”

Research studies from the Stalking Research Center indicate one in six women and one in 19 men will experience stalking at some point in their lives. The victims of stalkers live in a heightened state of fear, often compared by mental health officials to veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorders. They feel vulnerable, which can lead to depression, irritability and anxiety.

It is estimated 3.4 million Americans each year are victims of stalking. Many victims experience telephone calls at all hours of the day and night. Stalkers often show up at random places where they know the victim will be, and frequently drive by the victim’s home. All these things and more lead to feelings of fear.

“Stalking is a form of mental assault in which the perpetrator repeatedly, unwontedly and disruptively breaks into the life and world of a victim,” Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Sgt. Phillip Wood said. “The risk of stalking is highest for individuals who are divorced or separated.”

The impact on victims is substantial. Mental and physical health is affected to varying degrees. Depending on the level of stalking and individual personality traits of the victim, commonly reported symptoms include fatigue, trouble sleeping, chronic headaches, hypertension and diet problems.

“Anxiety, paranoia, depression and mood changes are reported by victims,” Ms. Carpitche said. “They will often become more stressed as their daily habits and routines change. As you know, stress can manifest itself in physical ailments. ”

Work, social and personal finances are affected as well. Performance at work decreases as stress levesl rise. As many as one in eight employed stalking victims loses some time from work as a result of his or her victimization and more than half lose more than five days. Victims report accrued out-of-pocket costs for things such as attorney fees, damage to property and changing phone numbers. Almost all changed their daily habits.

Victims don’t always know their assailants. One in four stalking victims does not know his or her stalker intimately (spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend). Most incidents involve men stalking women, but men do stalk men, women do stalk women and men can be stalked by women.

If a victim is not in immediate danger, he or she should contact a crisis hotline, victim service agency or domestic violence/rape crisis program. Those entities will help develop a safety plan. Safety plans ensure short- and long-term protection against stalkers. These include making alternate living arrangements, providing information about laws and referral to local services that help with court or protective orders to stop harassing activities.

“The Chickasaw Nation is one of many organizations that provides services to Native Americans in crisis situations,” Ms. Carpitche said. “The Office of Violence Prevention provides counselors, emergency shelter and referrals to other services, both within and outside the Chickasaw Nation.”

If in immediate danger, call 911 or other emergency response provider. Trust your instincts and don’t downplay the danger. Take threats seriously. Every state has anti-stalking laws to protect victims and their property. The District of Columbia and all U.S. Territories have enacted criminal and civil laws to address stalking.

“There are laws in place to protect victims of stalking,” said Chickasaw Nation Court Clerk Wayne Joplin. “Many tribal courts, including our own, have emergency and permanent protective orders that can be placed on stalkers. They mirror the states and we have agreements with law enforcement agencies within our 13-county boundary to make sure our citizens are protected.”

People who are being stalked should keep a detailed log of incidents and behaviors involving the stalker. The log will be crucial for protection orders, criminal, divorce proceedings and child custody cases. This log will also serve to preserve the memories of individual incidents that may need to be recalled for later testimony.

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February 5 - "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"

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February 19 - "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

February 26 - "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

Tickets are $2 for children, $3 for adults or $5 combo package, which includes a ticket, popcorn and a soda.

Don't miss the chance to see your favorite movies on a four story screen.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at 580-622-7103 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur, Okla.

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Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament April 26-27

The 5th annual t-ball tournament will be held on April 26-27, 2013 at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first ten teams will be accepted. The entry fee is $75 before April 1 and $100 afterwards. The age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play.

Visit www.chickasawfoundation.org for updates.

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 and is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year we are fortunate to receive many charitable donations. The Chickasaw Foundation also accepts memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members per your request upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Please contact our office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

For Sale: 1827 E. 11th, Ada, OK. Corner lot, three bedroom, one and one-half bath, brick home. Living room/dining room, large family room with fireplace, covered patio, two-car carport. Call (580) 272-4737. Serious inquiries only.

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Show off your Pride and Joy!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with your special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **Friday**, **March 22, 2013**. Please send to:

The *Chickasaw Times*, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or email to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

NOTICE:
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Governor welcomes state legislators

Mike McKee

Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, greeted members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on January 23. The group toured tribal headquarters in Ada. The representatives learned about Native American history, the government structure of the Chickasaw Nation, economic development efforts and programs and services offered by the tribe. Pictured from left, Rep. Justin Wood, District 26; Rep. David Perryman, District 56; Rep. Bobby Cleveland, District 20; Rep. Charles McCall, District 22; Rep. Kay Floyd, District 88; Rep. Jason Smalley, District 32; Rep. Katie Henke, District 71; Rep. Todd Thomsen, District 25 (including Ada), and Gov. Anoatubby.

STALKING

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The log should document all stalking related behavior. This includes phone calls, text messages, letters, email messages, malicious injury to personal property and threats communicated through third parties.

Joplin states that a protective order adds a criminal consequence when a defendant is caught stalking.

"A common myth is that protective orders are not worth the paper they are written on," Mr. Joplin said. "That is not true. With the right safety planning, victim preparation and attentive law enforcement, protective orders are powerful tools. People who are being stalked should contact their tribal, county or state police agencies if they have need of protective orders."

For more information or assistance, contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5580.

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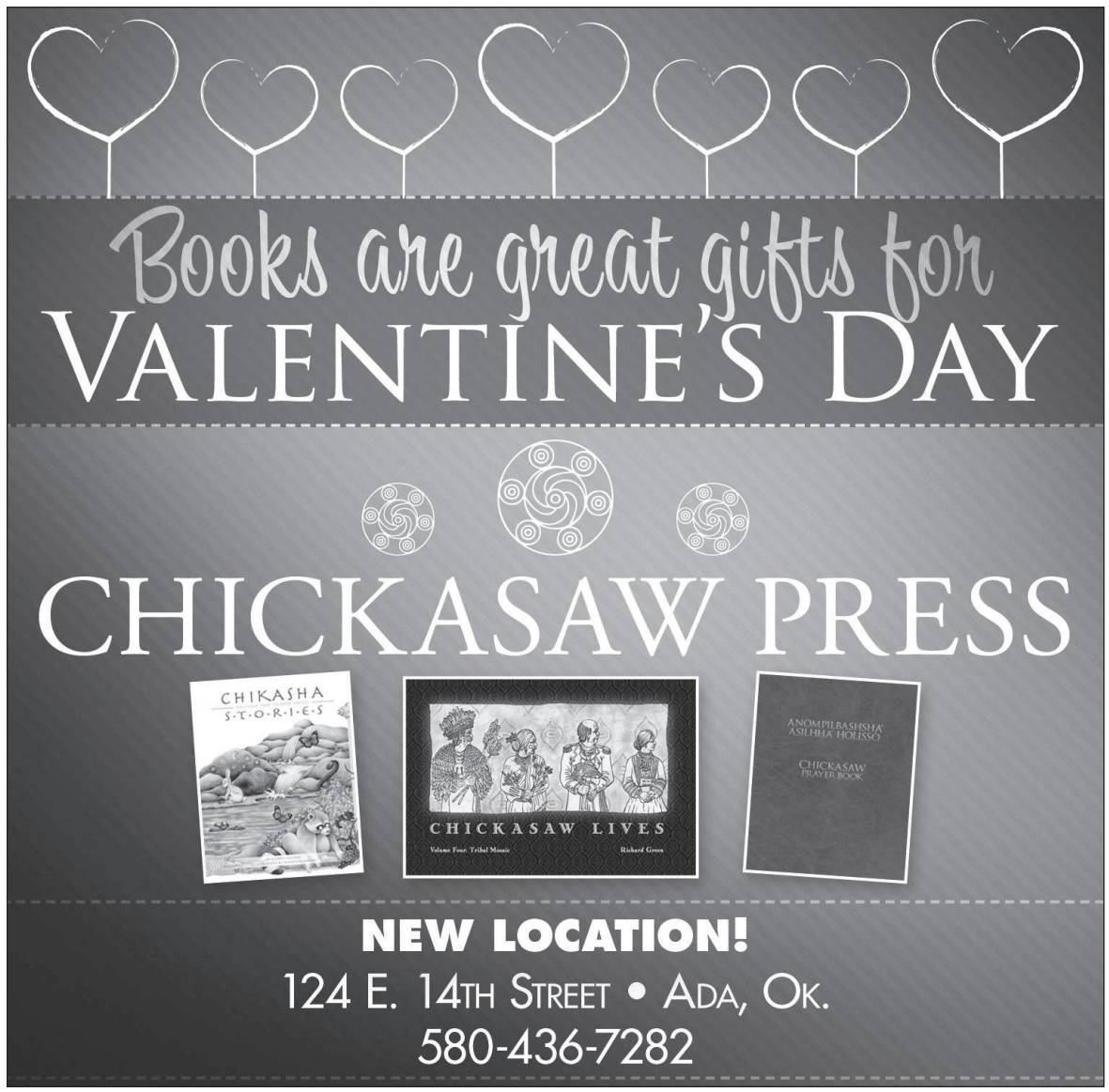

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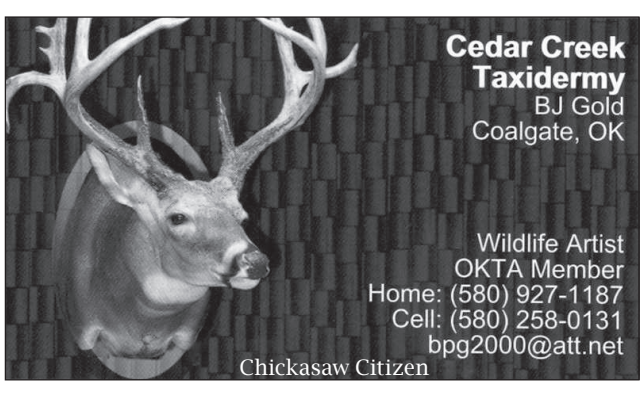

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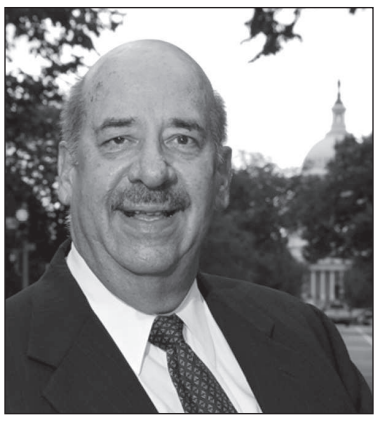

Charles W. Blackwell, 70, the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States and the Director of Native Affairs & Development Group, died on January 2, 2013, in Rockville, Maryland, of respiratory complications following surgery. Mr. Blackwell was widely recognized for his advocacy for Tribal sovereignty, for zealously protecting the cultural integrity of Tribal Nations and in seeking definitive standards for engagement of the Federal Tribal trust relationship.

Mr. Blackwell was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and was also of Choctaw descent. He was born at Concho Indian Hospital in El Reno, Oklahoma, and was raised in Tishomingo, near the Blue River, and other small towns in the Chickasaw Nation. He spent elementary-age summers with his grandparents who were Bureau of Indian Affairs educators on the North Plains and in New Mexico. Consequently, he held lifelong deep ties with Picuris Pueblo in Northern New Mexico, and with North Plains community institutions, such as the Loneman School on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He was conversationally fluent in Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Lakota, and had a strong affinity for all New Mexico Pueblo communities and Oklahoma Indian Country Tribal customs and traditions.

As an educator and lawyer, Mr. Blackwell was a pioneering advocate for Tribal Nation building, the creation of institutions of tribal development and governance, and the use of formal modern diplomacy in the nation-to-nation relationship that Tribal Nations share with the United States federal government. He assisted Tribal Nations, privately owned businesses, non-profits and corporations with building solid business relationships.

Mr. Blackwell received his Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1964 from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma. He was the founding president of the Epsilon Omega chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and the editor of the campus newspaper. Upon graduation, he taught English at Window Rock High School in Ft. Defiance, Arizona until 1968 when he began his legal studies and received his law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1972. After graduation he worked at the American Indian Law Center where he served as the Associate Director of the Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians. During his tenure, he helped place more than seven hundred American Indians and Alaskan Natives in law schools all over the United States. From 1974 to 1977, he was the Assistant Dean at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

In 1979, Mr. Blackwell established the organization that became the Native Affairs & Development Group, which was relocated to Washington, DC in 1985. As its Director, he served as a consultant nationwide, including as Special Advisor to Chairman Takuro Isoda of Daiwa Securities America in the World Trade Center from 1991 to 1995. He was then among the first American Indians to work in the Wall Street venue, and this work formed the foundation for his insight and ability to guide successful business relationships between private and Tribal business partners.

In 1990, he received his first appointment in diplomatic service for the Chickasaw Nation. He was named the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States in a 1995 ceremony in Washington, DC. In 1998, Mr. Blackwell founded Pushmataha House, located on Capitol Hill, which served as an important center for tribal business, government, and cultural affairs. He recently relocated on Capitol Hill to a new Office of the Ambassador, Piomingo House.

As a public servant, Mr. Blackwell's work extended to serving the larger American Indian community in the realms of economic empowerment, health care, education, and the environment. He was appointed to the EPA Director's National Clean Air Action Advisory Committee. In 1995, he was selected by the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture, and the Interior to represent Indian Country on the Western Governor's States Drought Coordination Council. He was a dynamic advocate for health care and Indian education. President Clinton appointed him to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS in 1997, where, as the only American Indian appointee, he pushed for awareness and information efforts in tribal communities. In 2006, he participated in the Indian Country Methamphetamine Task Force, speaking at the National Congress of American Indians Annual Session on how Tribal Nations should campaign to their youth with an innovative method of creating Tribal-specific comic books with an anti-meth theme.

He routinely informed Federal agencies on their trust responsibilities. Speaking on tribal values in energy needs, he received a Special Act Award from the Secretary of the Department of Energy in 2006. He was a constant voice for tribal economic empowerment and diversification. He received the National Director's Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency in 2007. Mr. Blackwell was a member of the Native American Bar Association, and the American Indian Society of Washington, D.C.

He cherished being a parent and a grandparent to his sons Geoffrey and Jonathan, and their daughters. He immensely enjoyed southwestern sunsets, classic style, and the storytelling of generations. His laugh will be long remembered. Mr. Blackwell is survived by his older son Geoffrey, daughter-in-law, Beth, and granddaughters, Megan and Jennifer, of Rockville, Maryland; and, his son Jonathan, daughter-in-law, Jacy, and granddaughter, Montana, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

A memorial service was held at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, DC on Saturday, January 26, the first ever held there for a Tribal leader. Memorial services will be held in Ada, Oklahoma, on Friday, February 22, at 11 a.m., at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center. A memorial service will also be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that any donations please be sent in memory of Charles W. Blackwell to the Loneman School, at P.O. Box 50, Oglala, SD, 57764, on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

LaWanda B. Hainline Ymer

LaWanda B. Hainline Ymer died Dec. 31, 2012, peacefully after fighting a courageous battle with Alzheimer's and cancer.

She was born July 19, 1922 at Rosedale, Okla.,, (Indian Territory) to Charles William Thompson and Mertie Cleo Sheldon.

She took pride in her Indian Heritage being 1/8 Chickasaw. She lost her mother as a toddler and was raised by her maternal and paternal relatives until she was 13.

She and an 18-year-old cousin hitched a ride with one of the numerous families who were traveling to California to escape the Dust Bowl effects on the land. She had a half-sister, Betty Thompson Smith, who she lost contact with when moving to California. They were reunited years later. Though she had no other siblings, there were many cousins to take their place, some of who had already left for California along with her father and grandmother.

After the death of her grandmother, Minnie Lee Green, she took a job as a live-in housekeeper and baby-sitter for a family with two little girls. The family took the place of the family she never had and she eventually named her daughter after the two girls.

During this time she met her first husband and father of her children, James "Jimmy" R. Hainline. He preceded her in death. They eloped to Las Vegas in March 1940. They had two children, Shirley D. and James "Jimmy" D. Hainline.

The family moved to Ventura County in 1945 and she went to work at Happy's Landing at the Oxnard Airport. After moving to Port Hueneme she worked at the Top Deck and that is where she met her lifelong friend, Lottie Hamilton. Her next and last job was working for the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. She worked there until her retirement after 23 years.

She was a resident of Ventura County for over 50 years.

She married Ali R. Ymer in 1966. They were later sealed for time and eternity at the Los Angeles Temple. They lived in Oxnard until 2008 when they moved to the Ventura Marina Mobile Estates. During this time she was diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's. In 2009 she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She fought these diseases like she lived life, fearlessly.

She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed giving of herself to serve in many different positions.

Her greatest joy was her family. She loved quilting and neddlework, reading and cooking. She loved to cook for her family and friends and was the best cook. She loved and was so thankful for her husband who was so kind to her.

Although she faced many challenges in life, she was never held back by the challenges. She was always cheerful and had a positive attitude towards people and life. She sacrificed many times for her children as they were growing up. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend and will be remembered for her generosity and unconditional love.

She was preceded in death by her loving companion her son, Jimmy Hainline; grandson, James "Mickey" Hainline Shannon; and her dear eternal mate, Ali R. Ymer.

She is survived by her daughter, Shirley D. Shannon (Mike), of South Ogden, Utah; grandchildren, Shannon Albio, of Whidbey Island, Wash., Whitney Spackman, of Santa Barbara, Calif., Darren Shannon, of Solvang, Calif., Patrick Shannon and Laurel Zaugg, both of South Ogden; 22 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Though we are saddened by our loss we take comfort in knowing those who have gone on before especially her husband, Ali, will be there to greet her on the other side.

Gloria Sue Baptiste

Gloria Sue Baptiste, 71, died Dec. 26, 2012, at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were December 31, 2012, in The Chapel at Griffin~Hillcrest with Reverend Ed Lee and Reverend Randy Baptiste officiating. Mrs. Baptiste's daughters and Native Praise will provide the music for the service. Interment followed in Hickory Cemetery, Carter County, Okla.

Mrs. Baptiste was born April 12, 1941, to Jasper Ensharkey and Elsie (Lewis) Ensharkey at Ardmore.

She married Lonzo Baptiste August 12, 1959.

An Ardmore native, she grew up going to McAlister Church of Overbrook, Okla., and is a graduate of Dickson (OK) High School.

She worked as a home health nurse throughout the Tulsa area. She received her associate's degree from Tulsa Junior College. She was a member of Bowen Baptist Church in Tulsa for 40 years where she was the director of the Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference for six years and the church clerk for ten years.

The Baptistes promoted southern gospel music and traveled with their family music group, the Baptiste Family, for many years. In 2005, the family moved to Ardmore and moved their church membership to Northeast Baptist Church.

She received certification to teach the Chickasaw language. She was a member of Native Praise, traveling to Washington, D.C., to sing at the White House. Mrs. Baptiste was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved her animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lonzo Baptiste; son-in-law Pedro Garcia; and two daughters, Leona Carol and Victoria Baptiste.

She is survived by a son, William Victor Baptiste, of Ardmore; three daughters, Luleda Rose West and husband, Dana, of Concho, Okla., Tracy Janine Garcia, of Ardmore and Jo Anna Gail Cantley and husband, Ambus, of Ardmore; eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and half-sister, Serena Wilmond.

Pallbearers were her grandsons. Her sons-in-law will serve as honorary bearers.

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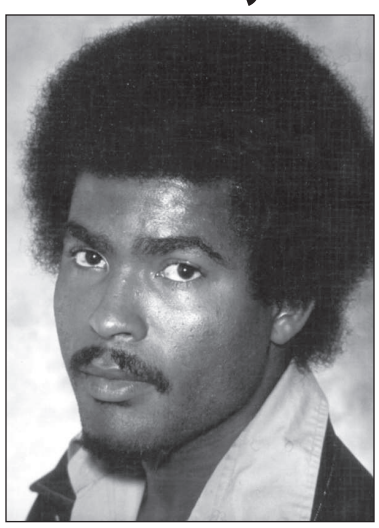
Steven Dale Chaney



Steven Dale Chaney died Dec. 6, 2012. Memorial services were Dec. 15 at Bledsoe Family People's Funeral Chapel, Corcoran, Calif. Eulogy was given by Mr. Larry Nolen.

Mr. Chaney was born at Corcoran and attended local schools before relocating to the Los Angeles area.

He performed many different jobs but his love was playing music. He was a talented guitar player.

He was a gifted songwriter. Based upon a song submitted entitled "Just like Jimi" he was invited to audition for the first season of the NBC talent show The Voice. Due to physical reasons he was not able to audition. The producers volunteered to send a film crew to his home and film the audition but wanting to be at his best he declined their offer.

Another talent he possessed was drawing. He once created a comic book superhero that mysteriously looked like him with a cape.

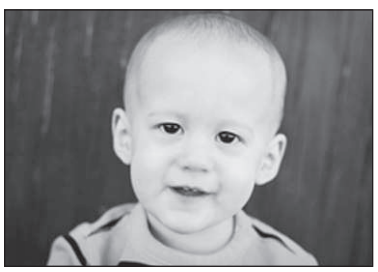
He had a big heart and loved animals and people. He was always finding injured animals to nurse back to health and would give his last penny or the coat off his back. He found a hawk with a broken wing so he set the wing with a stick and took care of it until the wing mended.

He was extremely proud of his children, Michelle Chaney Webb and husband, Stacy, Karintha and Steven Chaney; and crazy about his grandchildren, Malik Boyd, Jaeden and Stacy Webb Jr., and Aziah and Steven Chaney, Jr.

He touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all especially his loving family.

He is survived by his parents, Evelyn Chaney, of Visalia, Calif., and Truman Chaney, of Allensworth, Calif.; sisters, Pat Chaney and Deidre Cohoe, both of Visalia; a brother, Paul and Maxine Chaney, of Fresno, Calif.; nieces, Kylee Cohoe, of Visalia, Desiree Chaney, of Fresno, and Misha Chaney, of Visalia; nephews, Travis K. Chaney and Keyon Chaney of Visalia; uncles, Lester and Eartha Loman and Herman Loman, all of Corcoran; cousins, Leon and Irma Morris, Linda Watley, Rose and Ricky Chatman, Henry and Lester Thomas Loman, Jr., Edward and Mary Loman, of Fresno, Tiny Chaney, of Los Angeles and Coy and Carolyn Charles; an aunt, Faye Charles, of Richmond, Calif; and beloved fellow musician, Tony Lee Parker of Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Logan Hawkins Chill



Logan Hawkins Chill died August 21, 2012. Services were August 24 at Crossings Community Church.

He was born September 29, 2010 at Oklahoma City.

Logan was preceded in death and welcomed to heaven by his great-grandparents Helen and Johnny Burns, Norma Jean Sharp and Basil Sharp, and many other friends and family.

He is survived by his adoring parents Jeff and Karlee Chill; twin brother, Griffin; grandparents Bruce and Teresa Chill and Larry and Susan Sharp, all of Oklahoma City; great-grandparents Al and Lois Chill, of Guymon, W.O. and VaLondia Hawkins, of Durant and Ellen Sharp, of Chicago; aunts and uncles Lauren and Clayton Sargeant, Lacie and Brian Hill, Brant and Lauren Chill, Greg and Mallory Evans, Shay Sharp and Maggie Sharp; cousins Channing, Maddox and Walker Hill, Sophie and Sam Sargeant, Charlotte Evans and Avery Chill, all of Oklahoma City; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

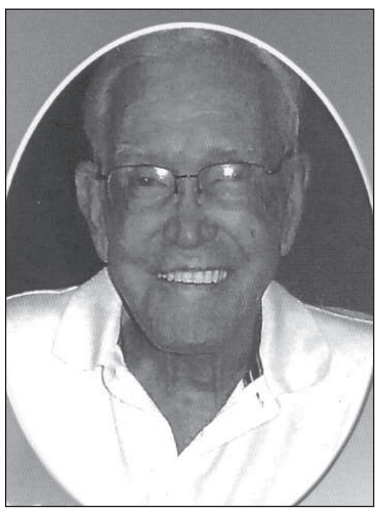
In his short life, Logan's story reached far and wide, and through Logan, God has worked in countless lives, drawing so many closer to Him.

Logan was a tremendous blessing to all who knew him. His smirky little smile and silly laugh were contagious. His family was blessed by every precious moment they had with him. From days in the park to watching OU football, blowing bubbles in the back yard or wagon rides with his brother, Logan was a light in this world.

Logan brightened so many lives.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Logan's memory to Hope Link (201 W. Oklahoma Ave., Suite 234, Guthrie, OK 73044), Children's Hospital Foundation or the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

Henry H.C. 'Chuck' Hayes



H.C. "Chuck" Hayes, 85, died Dec. 3, 2012. Services were Dec. 10 at First Baptist Church. Burial was private.

Mr. Hayes was born Oct. 31, 1927 at Tishomingo, Okla. to Henry and Pinkie Birge Hayes.

He was a proud descendent of the great warrior Chickasaw Chief Piomingo.

He moved with his parents and sister to Arizona when he was seven years old. After two years the family moved to Corona, Calif. where he graduated from high school.

He married his high school sweetheart, Lois Keast, at Corona, and later moved his wife and five daughters to Blythe, Caliv., in 1959 to work for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department until he retired.

He married Mary Mancebo Sears in 1973. She died in 2006. In 2009 he married Doris Morgan Richards.

He had a passion for excellence. From early childhood he had a love of airplanes and flying. He learned to fly and got his pilot's license at an early age. After he moved to Blythe he built his own airplane, a Pietenpol Air Cleaner. His maiden flight was a big event in Blythe.

He was a Past Master of the Blythe Masonic Lodge and received the Hiram Award in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Morgan Hayes; daughters, Diane Dysart (Dean), of Utah, Judith Halby (Joey), of Blythe, Mary Beth Morelock (Richard), of Oklahoma, Patricia Hayes, of Oklahoma, Rebecca Myers (Greg), of Colorado and David Hayes (Emily), of Tennessee; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Phillip Rodney Houston Jr.

Phillip Rodney Houston Jr., 4 days old, died Jan. 1, 2013 at Oklahoma City. Graveside services were January 4, at Clearview Cemetery, Ardmore, with Pastor Steve Wall officiating.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Gletis Sampson; and his paternal grandparents Mary Itaska Green and William Earl Houston.

Phillip is survived by his father, Phillip Rodney Houston Sr.,; mother, Judy Ann Sampson; six sisters, Ashley, Elizabeth, Nakeisha, Acajah, Jamia, and Maria; and a brother, David, all of Ardmore; his maternal grandmother, Wanda Oldrock, of Washington; four aunts; two uncles; and a host of family.

Phillip will always be loved.

His father will serve as pallbearer.

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Suzanne "Sue" Mule

Suzanne "Sue" Mule, 72, died January 2, 2013 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were January 5, 2013, in The Chapel at Griffin~Hillcrest Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Wall and Pastor Jay Mule officiating. Interment followed in McAlister Cemetery, Overbrook, Okla.

She was born August 23, 1940 to Ernest Williams and Audrey Williams at Ardmore.

She was a long-time resident of Ardmore and worked hard to support her family. She became a certified nursing assistant and took a position with the Oklahoma Veterans Center where she worked for 25 years caring for our nation's veterans before her retirement.

She loved going to church and attending gospel singings. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Joe Mule.

She is survived by three sons, David Hotulke and wife, Vickie, of Tulsa, Darren Hotulke, of Tulsa, and Jay Mule and wife, Toni, of Norman, Okla.; two daughters, Barrie Alverez and husband, Dale, of Tulsa, and Cherie Hornell, of Ardmore; twelve grandchildren, Kailei Hotulke, Kristen Hotulke, Evan Hotulke and Ian Hotulke, all of Tulsa, Michael Alverez, Kari Alverez, Hunter Hotulke, Hayden Hotulke, Trea Hornell, Kaila Hornell, Jaeden Reed and Jaylee Mule; three great-grandchildren; special cousin, Pat Walters, of Norman; and niece, Sandra Taylor of Ardmore.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

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Dorothy Jean Thomas Powell

Dorothy Jean Thomas Powell, 96, died peacefully December 18, 2012 after a short illness.

She was born at Tishomingo, Okla., and married C.J. Powell, a former head football coach at Tishomingo High School in 1935 and later, coach at Murray (OK) State. He later coached football and other sports at East Central State College in Ada (OK) plus high school football in Holdenville before the family moved to Santa Fe, N.M. in 1947. After 10 years there, the family moved again to a longtime residence in Boise, Idaho, where she continued to work as a secretary to numerous Boise Superintendents of Schools. She retired from the Boise School system.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and was especially proud of her aunt, famed Chickasaw Te Ata (Mary Thompson Fisher). She was the granddaughter of Thomas Benjamin Thompson, last elected treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation prior to statehood.

Dorothy was raised in a house directly across the street from the back side of the Chickasaw courthouse in Tishomingo. The house is gone now and a parking lot exists in its place. Back in the early days, there was a jail on the backside of the courthouse. She played the piano with gusto and liked to think she was entertaining the jail inmates. Her mother, Selena worked in the county clerk office at the courthouse for many years.

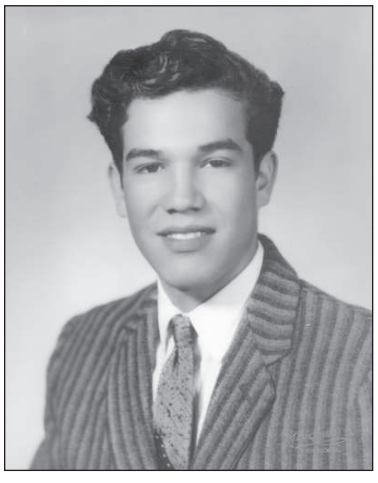
Mrs. Powell was healthy the majority of her long life. She exhibited an adventuresome spirit throughout her life; sneaking off one time at age 16 to take a ride in a barnstorming airplane to an exciting flight in a hot air balloon over Jackson Hole, Wyoming at the age of 85.

She traveled later in her life to Hawaii, Bermuda, Costa Rica and England with her husband. She appreciated every person she met and was always accepting and never judging. She will be forever loved and always missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.J. Powell; mother Selena Thomas; a brother Durward Thomas; and a sister Llewellyn Thomas Flood.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses: Gail (Steve) Maloney, Vance (Barbara) Powell, of Boise, Idaho, Scott (Gloria) Powell, of Bend, Oregon and Pamela (James) Crowe and Penelope (Chip) Halpin, of Denver; nieces Linda Thomas Harris, Patty Flood Brown and nephew Keith Thomas; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Cleveland (Cleve) Lavoid Robertson



Cleveland (Cleve) Lavoid Robertson, 72, of Kingston, Okla., died December 24, 2012 at the Brookside Nursing Center, Madill, Okla. Services were December 29, 2012, at the Watts Funeral Home, Madill, with Joe Patterson officiating. Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery, Fillmore, Okla.

He was born August 31, 1940 at Emet, Okla., to the late E. C. Robertson and Ava Greenwood Robertson.

He was raised in Kingston where he graduated from Kingston High School and is a Kingston Alumni. He later moved to Dallas where he lived most of his life and worked as a welder. He lived the past year in Ada, Okla. He was affiliated with the Baptist faith and he enjoyed playing the guitar, loved God, his grandkids and brothers.

He is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Charoenpon and husband Sam, of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Robey Lyon, of Tulsa, Michael Timmons, of Dallas, Niki Charoenpon, of Dallas, Alex Charoenpon, of Tulsa, and Ricky Myrick, of Dallas; brothers, Floyd Robertson, of Kingston, Lloyd Robertson, of Grand Prarie, Texas, Roylee Robertson, of Kingston, Ken Robertson, of Iowa, and Ernie Robertson, of Kingston; a sister, Vera Hughes, of Berryville, Arkansas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Tamra Robertson; three brothers, Benny, John and Charles Robertson.

Bearers were Kenny Robertson, Curtis Robertson, Dan Robertson, Gene Robertson, Larry Bailey and Pete Cobb.

Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

Arbelle (Harris) Williams

Arbelle (Harris) Williams, 96, died Dec. 18, 2012 at Aldersgate Retirement Village, Topeka, Kan. Services were Dec. 24 at Mount Hope Chapel, Topeka.

She was born June 4, 1916 at Mill Creek, Okla., to Calvin Q. Harris Sr. and Florence Carhee Harris an original enrollee.

She attended Bloomfield Seminary and graduated from Chilocco Indian Agricultural School. She enjoyed playing bingo, cooking, dancing and casinos.

She was preceded in death by her husbands John Wigington, Ralph Williams and Wilford Dowell; her parents; sisters, Olga Harris Cowdrey, Lessie Harris Campbell and Mary Harris Richardson; and a brother Benjamin D. Harris.

She is survived by a daughter, Mildred Sharp Brewer, of Topeka; sons, Lee Wigington, of San Bernandino, Calif., and Jim Wigington, of Dallas, Ore.; a brother, Calvin Harris Jr., of Pauls Valley, Okla.; sisters Iva Harris Jones, of Wanet Texas, Virginia Harris Ozment, of Victoria Texas; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Annette (Burton) Barnes

Annette (Burton) Barnes died January 8, 2013 at Tucson, Ariz., of complications from liver cancer. At her request, no services were conducted.

She was born November 7, 1949 at Phoenix, to John and Anna Lou (McCarty) Burton. She was the granddaughter of Lula May (Cunningham) McCarty and Chickasaw original enrollee Jackson McCarty. She was the third born of ten children.

She married, and later divorced Gregg Barnes in Phoenix. They had one daughter, Julie, of Tucson.

She loved to cook, collect cookbooks, go to Las Vegas and spend time with her family.

She is survived by a daughter Julie; brothers, Richard and Clifford, both of California, and Jessie and Donald, both of the Phoenix area; sisters Valerie, of Nevada and Hilda, Vicky, Carol and Connie, all of the Phoenix area.

Her Chickasaw relatives include aunts Jackie (McCarty) Holman, of Plano, Texas and Maurine (McCarty) Kemble, of Midwest City, Okla.; an uncle, Sim McCarty, of Hominy, Okla., and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas.

Dorathy Marguirette (Margie) White Rhodes

Dorathy M. (Margie) White Rhodes, 92, died at Haskell, Okla., and went to her heavenly home, Jan. 8, 2013. Services were Jan. 11, at First Baptist Church, Haskell. Burial followed at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, Okla., along side her husband of 68 years, Jack G. Rhodes.

Mrs. Rhodes was born June 30, 1920 outside Maysville, Okla., to O.D. and Dorathy Ada (Holloway) White. She was a great-granddaughter of Cyrus Harris.

She had three older brothers, Denzil, Tom and Wyman (Pete); a younger brother, Walter (Ross); and a younger sister, Wynona (Bratcher), who preceded her in death as well as her parents and her husband, Jack.

She grew up in the country as a farm girl and not only did she help with household chores but also worked in the fields along side her older brothers and Dad.

After graduating from Maysville High School, she began nurses' training in Chickasha, Okla. The school was closed during World War II, and the senior students of which she was one were sent to St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing in Oklahoma City.

She graduated in 1944 and after passing her boards became a registered nurse.

During the time in Chickasha, she met Jack G. Rhodes, a soldier stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., and they fell in love. On Oct. 9, 1943, they eloped to Kingfisher, Okla. They had to keep their marriage secret until she graduated from nursing school, or she would not have been allowed to finish. After becoming a registered nurse, Mrs. Rhodes worked in Oklahoma, North Carolina, Louisiana, Arkansas and back to Oklahoma in hospitals as well as nursing homes.

She was an excellent seamstress as well as a cook excelling at fried chicken which was often requested by her family. Her love for gardening included vegetables and flowers. She loved to read, to watch sports, to travel and to camp especially with the Arkansas Valley Good Sam Club. She was faithful to her church wherever she lived and to her Lord, Jesus Christ. She helped anyway that she could inside the church as well as volunteering in different ways outside it.

She is survived by a son, Jack L. Rhodes, of Holyoke, Colo.; a daughter, Mary, and husband, Ron Walters; a grandson, Mike Walters and wife, Amy; great-grandchildren, Zoee and Zachary Walters, all of Muskogee, Okla.; a younger sister, Mary W. Johnson of Oklahoma City; and several nieces and nephews.

Leland Bruce "Buck" Adair

Leland Bruce "Buck" Adair died November 22, 2012. A memorial service was December 1, 2012 at Bible Fellowship Church.

Our beloved father and grandfather went home to his Lord on Thanksgiving night, having lived a long and meaningful life full of family, friendship and service to God and man. His passing was peaceful, with his grandson Mark at his side.

Mr. Adair was born July 27, 1922 and spent his early years in Oklahoma and New Mexico on family cattle ranches.

At the age of nine years old, during the Great Depression, he left home, with an older brother and hopped a freight for California beginning a life of hard work that did not stop until he was in his eighties. He was a farmer, a milker, a dairy herdsman, and feedstock manager. After he retired he worked 12 more years building steps and sheds for Panorama Products.

In 1940 he met Mary Alice Davis. They married in 1942 and were married for 67 years. She was waiting for him in heaven with a kiss and a piece of pie.

He was a proud member of the Chickasaw nation - even though he was a cowboy. As an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous he helped many others achieve and maintain sobriety.

He was proud to call "Bill W." his friend for nearly 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Adair; a granddaughter Britia; a great-grandbaby Finley; his parents; siblings; and many friends and relatives preceded him on their heavenly journey.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Ann and Lee Overman, Randy and Susan Adair, Bobbi Jean and Doug smith, Nancy and John Maich; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Family was so important to him and he made it important to us also. We will miss him.

Mr. Adair's favorite Bible verse was proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."

Donations may be made in his honor to Cornerstone Hospice, 1461 E. Cooley Drive, Suite 220, Colton, CA 92324.

Jerry Wynn Crockett

Jerry Wynn Crockett, 51 of Oklahoma City, died January 16, 2013 at Oklahoma City. Services were January 19, at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla., with Joe Patterson officiating. Interment followed in Woodberry-Forest Cemetery, Madill.

Mr. Crockett was born October 17, 1961 in Oklahoma City to Clyde Vincent Crockett and Evelyn Mae Heltzel Crockett.

Mr. Crockett was raised in Oklahoma City where he worked as a machinist at Sharp Metals.

He enjoyed fishing, tinkering with cars, playing drums, listening to music, spending time with the family and watching football.

He is survived by his son, David Wynn Raper, of Alabama; two grandchildren; his father, Clyde Vincent Crockett, of Oklahoma City; his mother, Evelyn Mae Crockett, Oklahoma City; a brother, Timothy Crockett, of Wanette, Okla.; three sisters, Tina Chaddock and Sherri Porter, both of Moore, Okla., and Patty Crockett, of Oklahoma City.

Pallbearers were Ameiul Crockett, David Crockett, Owen Crockett, Casey Porter, Christopher Porter, Steven Chaddock, Owen Milum, Cody Bransonz

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 21, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Rebecca Ayres

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 16, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of November 16, 2012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 30-014, Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the January, 2013, Legislative Session

This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature in January, 2013. The January Regular Session falls on a day that some of the Legislators will be in official travel status to Washington, DC; therefore, it is imperative that the Session be held on a different day.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-014.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-014 carried unanimously.

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Permanent Resolution Number 30-004, Amendments to Titles 18 and 20 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers in Titles 18 and 20 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR30-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR30-004 carried unanimously.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

Ms. Elliott gave the Human Resources Committee Report in the absence of Ms. McManus.

General Resolution Number 30-015, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Ms. Rose Jefferson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR30-015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced the January Legislative Session will be held Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole
January 14, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean Mcmanus Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee
January 7, 2013
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Scott Wood, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee
January 7, 2013
Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
January 7, 2013
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Legislative Committee
January 7, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Seat #

1. Toby Perkins
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4. Dean McManus
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Seat #

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3. Linda Briggs
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   Ada, Oklahoma
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Tishomingo District
Seat #

1. Scott Wood
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2. Tim Colbert
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3. Steven Woods
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Panola District
Seat #

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JANUARY 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-016
Oil and Gas Lease in Carter County
Unallotted Tract 674 ½

Explanation: This resolution approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by Continental Resources, Inc., 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, which has submitted an acceptable bid of $503.27 per acre for a total bonus of $5,032.70, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $1,258.18, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (S ½ SW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 12, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 20 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of $30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (S ½ SW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 12, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Carter County, Oklahoma

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 30-017
Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County
Unallotted Tract 378A

Explanation: This resolution approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by XTO Energy, Inc., 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, which has submitted an acceptable bid of $1,002.96 per acre for a total bonus of $1,659.97, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $414.99, on property belong to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in the West 3.31 acres of the South 13.31 acres of Lot 3 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 3.31 acres, more or less (Unallotted Tract 378A), for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of $4.97, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Property Location: West 3.31 acres of the South 13.31 acres of Lot 3 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Bryan County, Oklahoma

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 30-005

Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 30-006

Amendments to Title 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Reapportionment)

Explanation: This resolution amends the apportionment plan codified in Title 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the current apportionment is maintained. The current apportionment plan is anticipated to require Tishomingo District to lose a seat in 2013 and Pontotoc District to gain one seat; therefore, the seats would number Panola - 1; Tishomingo - 2; Pickens - 4; and Pontotoc - 6.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

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USDA program helps keep agricultural land in production

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), is a voluntary conservation program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. This program provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) joins state, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements. The NRCS provides up to 50 percent of the appraised fair market easement value.

Urban sprawl continues to threaten the Nation's farm and ranch land, as social and economic changes over the past three decades have influenced the rate at which land is converted to non-agricultural uses. Population growth, demographic changes, preferences for larger lots, expansion of transportation systems, and economic prosperity have contributed to increases in agricultural land conversion rates. The amount of farm and ranch land lost to development and the quality of farmland being converted are significant concerns.

In most States, prime farmland is being converted at two to four times the rate of other, less-productive agricultural land. There continues to be an important national interest in the protection of farm and ranch land. Land use devoted to agriculture provides an important contribution to environmental quality, protection of the Nation's historical and archaeological resources, and scenic beauty.

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) administered by the USDA-NRCS, is accepting applications for funding on a continuous basis. The 2008 Farm Bill provided for a continuous signup to allow eligible entities more opportunities to sign up eligible parcels. Landowners must meet the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Eligible land: includes privately owned farm and ranch land that: 1) contains prime, unique, statewide or locally important farmland; or 2) contains historical or archeological resources; or

3) Furthers a state or local policy; and is subject to a pending offer by an eligible entity.

Eligible Entities: An eligible entity means federally-recognized Indian Tribes, state, unit of local government, or a non-governmental organization, which has an ongoing farmland protection program that purchases agricultural conservation easements for the purpose of protecting agriculture use and related conservation values by limiting conversion to nonagricultural uses of the land.

Proposal Due Dates: Proposal requirements and program criteria can be obtained by contacting Joy Martin, Resource Specialist or more information can be found on the website listed below. Proposals will be submitted to the NRCS State Conservationist. Proposals will be received on a continuous basis at the Oklahoma NRCS State Office.

The first proposal and parcel evaluation period for 2013 funding will occur after February 15, 2013. Only proposals received in the State Office by close of business on February 15, 2013 will be considered in the initial evaluation and funding period.

Proposals will be submitted to: Dick Zetterberg Acting State Conservationist, USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service, 100 USDA, Suite 206, Stillwater, OK 74074-2655.

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